

Annual City Report

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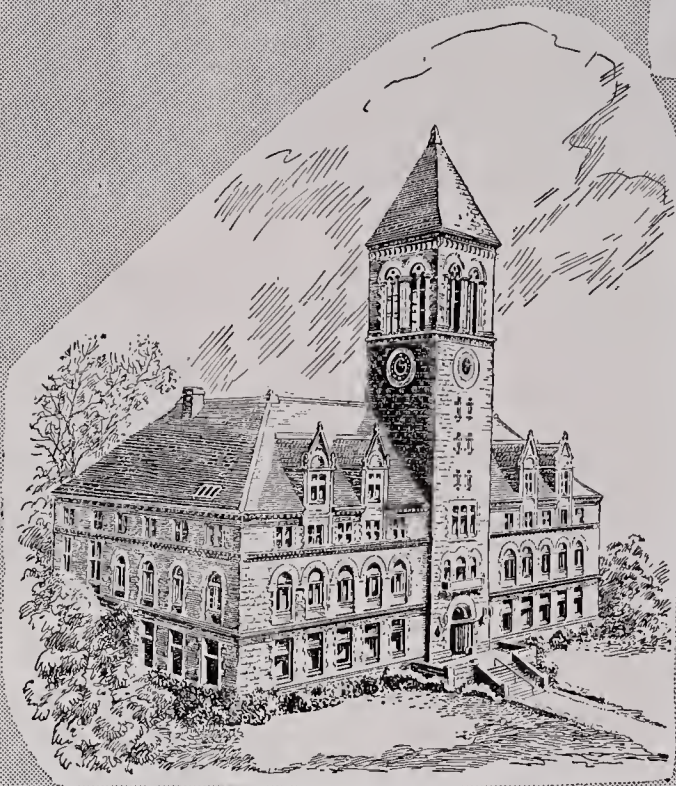
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To the Honorable, the City Council,
and the Citizens of Cambridge:

I am pleased to present to you and through you to the citizens the 1958 Annual Report of the City of Cambridge—the seventeenth such report under the Council-Manager form of government. We are again using a newspaper format and distribution.

I am hopeful that with a wider distribution more citizens will read the report and profit by so doing. We have tried to give a clear and interesting story.

Financially, the year 1958 was a successful operating year. The Excess and Deficiency Account (City Surplus) amounted to a sizeable figure at year's end so that the City's fiscal affairs are in sound condition. This surplus account will enable us to purchase needed Capital Improvement items without any need to borrow.

We have been endeavoring for sometime to synchronize our Urban Renewal and Capital Improvements programs. With the approval by the United States Urban Renewal Administration of the Donnelly Field Urban Renewal Program, thereby making available \$5,000,000 in federal funds for urban renewal work on the basis of \$2,500,000 estimated for the cost of the new Donnelly Field School, these programs have now been meshed.

The sale of the Rogers Block area continues to be actively pursued. Real advancement has also been made in the River-view and Donnelly Field Renewal projects. The hope here is that our Urban Renewal and Redevelopment Program will lead to more intensive and better land uses, thereby broadening our tax base with a resultant increase in the City's income.

I invite suggestions and comments either about the report or about any municipal operations. If further information is desired, it may be obtained from the more detailed reports of the major departments of our varied and extensive services.

I wish to thank the City Council and the School Committee for their cooperation. All department heads and employees are deserving of appreciation for their constant endeavor to provide the highest type of service.

As we look into the future, the problems are challenging. To solve them will require our very best efforts. We may take pride in the thought that, as we all work together for a common objective, progress toward a better Cambridge will always be our goal.

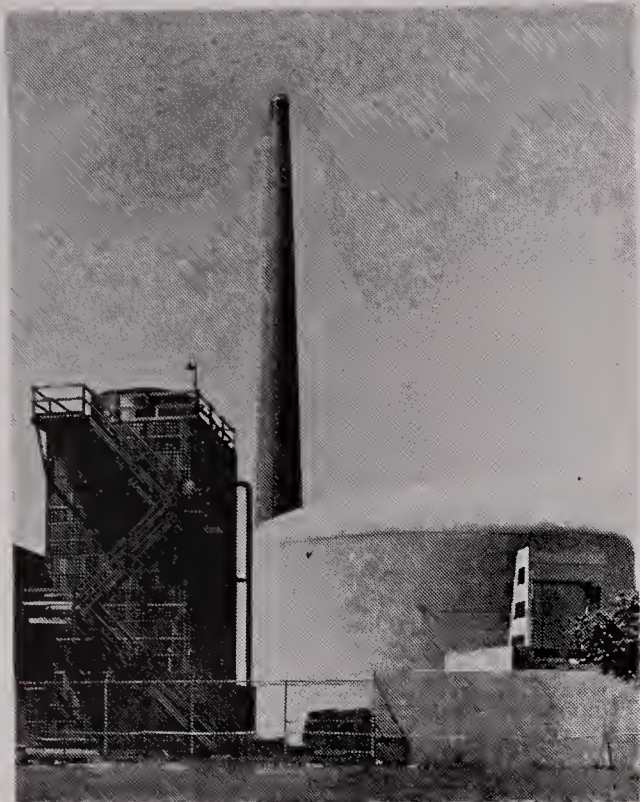
Yours very truly,

John F. Curry

City Manager



ATOMS FOR PEACE



Shown above is another in the long list of "Firsts for Cambridge". This is the M. I. T. Nuclear Reactor on Albany street, Cambridge, where "tamed" atomic energy was demonstrated in 1958 for the first time in New England. Except for the propulsive reactor installed in the submarine "Nautilus", this reactor is a pioneer in the field of harnessing atomic energy for peaceful uses. The reactor is being used in a wide range of research projects, including medical treatments. The reactor is enclosed in a welded, gas tight, steel and concrete structure 70 feet in diameter with a dome 50 ft. above ground level. At the left is a redwood cooling tower.

Redevelopment Authority Marks First Year of Organization

The Cambridge Redevelopment Authority on the first anniversary of its organization elected the following officers on February 19, 1958 to serve one year: Paul R. Corcoran, Chairman; Raymond S. McLay, Vice Chairman; Thaddeus R. Beal, Treasurer; Charles M. Haar, Assistant Treasurer.

Thomas J. Murphy, the fifth member of the Authority, was elected Assistant Treasurer on July 16, 1958, when Professor Haar resigned to start an extended tour of Europe. On June 23, 1958, John M. Lunn was appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council to a full five-year term on the Redevelopment Authority.

The Authority, during 1958, had the following projects under consideration.

Rogers Block Project

In February 1958, the Authority completed the relocation of 57 families, and all commercial tenants were relocated by May of 1958.

The Authority is determined that the land will be disposed of in the best interest not only of the Federal government, which is paying two-thirds of the net project cost, but also in the best interest of the City of Cambridge.

Riverview Project

After the City Council approved an application for Federal planning funds for the Riverview Project, the Redevelopment Authority prepared and submitted, in January 1958, a Redevelopment Plan and Application for Loan and Grant to the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency.

The Redevelopment Authority arranged a public hearing on the Plan on September 8, 1958 in the City Council Chamber with most of the members of City Council present. Approximately 150 Cambridge residents appeared at the hearing. Twenty-eight of those who spoke at this hearing were in favor of the Plan and 18 registered their opposition.

After the City Council approved, the Authority set to work to establish criteria for the buildings to be erected on the project site and prepared documents containing the criteria for HHFA approval. The Authority also in-

terviewed all prospective redevelopers who expressed an interest in the site.

Cambridgeport Urban Renewal Project

It is hoped that the City's contribution will be covered for the most part by about \$1,300,000 credit representing the cost of the new Morse School within the project area.

The City Council approved the filing of an application for Federal planning and survey funds for the Cambridgeport Urban Renewal Project (where rehabilitation and conservation of existing structures are to be emphasized with a minimum of demolition) and the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency approved the application on May 20, 1958.

The Redevelopment Authority signed a contract with the City of Cambridge to have firefighters in their off-time make a survey of the project area.

During July 1958 this survey was conducted under the immediate supervision of a Health Department Inspector. The survey revealed there are 1,280 structures used for residential purposes, of which 71 also have a commercial use located inside. The area contains 3,690 dwelling units. Inspectors were able to complete information on 45% of the structures and 44% of the dwelling units. The size of this sample is deemed to be more than adequate for planning and statistical purposes since structures and dwelling unit were surveyed in each of the 102 city blocks within the Cambridgeport project area. The area has 240 structures which are entirely devoted to industrial and commercial use.

Donnelly Field Project

The approval of the Donnelly Field Urban Renewal Project by the Housing and Home Finance Agency was sought during 1958 since such approval would mean that Cambridge could start construction of the Charles G. Harrington School at Donnelly Field and apply the cost of that school as the City's con-

Preliminary City Plan Completed By Board

Completion of a preliminary City Plan document in May, 1958, stands out as the major accomplishment of the year for the Cambridge Planning Board. The product of years of study, and many months of concentrated writing and review, the general plan will provide the basis for assisting in sound decisions for the future of the City. The Plan has been discussed with the City Council, department heads, and civic groups in order to determine its adequacy. At the end of the year a consolidated redraft for public distribution was in the early stages of preparation.

Resignations of the Chairman of the Board, Dean Jose Luis Sert, and the Planning Director, Mark Fortune, were major changes in Board and staff composition in 1958. Mark Fortune was a member of the staff for 14 years.

Alan McClennen, a nationally known expert and planning director of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was appointed Planning Director to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the former director.

Dominic J. Percoco was elected Chairman, following the resignation of Dean Sert, while Vice-Admiral E. L. Cochrane, U. S. N., (Ret.) was named to fill the vacancy on the 7-member Board.

Work With Other Agencies

Beyond publication of the City Plan and the discussions relating to it, the major study areas of the Planning Board in 1958 were the continued analysis of revisions to the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance, liaison with the Redevelopment Authority and other municipal departments on urban renewal programs, and studies in cooperation with local and metropolitan agencies relative to highway planning.

Zoning discussion meetings were held with a special committee representing city-wide civic groups with a view to preparing a document for submission to the City Council. In November, the Planning Board submitted its preliminary proposals, and in mid-December held a public hearing on the matter as required under State statutes. This definitive text has provided a basis for specific comments and criticism many of which will be incorporated in a revised text for City Council consideration in 1959.

During the year the Planning Board also executed a new contract with the firm of Adams, Howard, and Greeley for thorough study of the Zoning Map in the light of the generally accepted modifications of the Zoning text. Work on both the text and map continued during the last three months of 1958 and will run well into 1959.

Belt Highway Study

Problems related to highway improvement programs have consumed a considerable amount of Board and staff time. Early in 1958, the Planning Board

endorsed the recommendations of consultants calling for the Brookline-Elm Street alignment for the portion of the Inner Belt Highway through Cambridge. Representatives of the Board were called on several times by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works in conjunction with a re-analysis of the Inner Belt. Representatives of the Cambridge Planning Board also worked closely with those of Boston, Brookline, and Somerville to select a route satisfactory to the Planning agencies of each community within the requirements of federal-aid highway standards. As a result general agreement has been reached on a location which should benefit the future development of each community.

Mid-Cambridge Surveyed

Staff time was also devoted to the initiation of a Capital Improvement program.

Mid-Cambridge, in the fall of 1958, was selected as an area for intensified study analysis which would result in an active rehabilitation program through local self-help projects, municipal action and Federal Mortgage Insurance. Thus far, the studies undertaken have ranged from street widening and tree planting, to an analysis of recreation needs of the community including problems related to sites to overcome deficiencies. Also included in the list of projects underway are parking and traffic studies, the library annex, and location and condition of rooming houses. Meetings with local citizen groups to discuss and aid this revitalization of the Mid-Cambridge community are expected to begin in the summer of 1959.

The Board held 33 meetings and processed 3 applications for zone changes.

Dean Jose Luis Sert and Dominic J. Percoco shared the chairmanship of the Cambridge Planning Board during 1958. Other members of the Planning Board were Henry Altman, Admiral E. L. Cochrane, USN (Ret.), Paul Feloney, Joseph Guiney, Simon Kirshen, and John M. Woolsey, Jr. Alan McClennen is the Planning Director. Offices of the Planning Board are located at McCusker Center, Inman street.

tribution to the net cost of the urban renewal project. Such credit would not have been allowed if the school construction had started prior to approval of the urban renewal project by HHFA.

The original application to the Federal government of the Donnelly Field Project as approved by the City Council in December 1957 covered 187 acres and called for a Federal contribution of \$4,800,000. The cutback during 1958 of Federal urban renewal funds available to U. S. communities resulted in the size of the project being reduced to 84 acres and a Federal contribution of approximately \$1,457,689.

Houghton Renewal Project

An application approved by the City Council on September 16, 1957 for Federal funds for the Houghton Urban Renewal Project was returned to the Redevelopment Authority by HHFA with the explanation that there were insufficient funds available for this additional project in Cambridge. The Authority plans to resubmit the application later.

Mid-Cambridge Project

The Redevelopment Authority stands ready to cooperate with the Cambridge Planning Board which is working on an application for the Mid-Cambridge Project, which means that no Federal funds will be contributed to the project but that property owners in the area could receive more favorable terms on

mortgage money and loans with which to improve their properties. There are the same benefits planned for property owners in urban renewal project areas.

The City of Cambridge would commit itself, among other things, to make certain civic improvements in the Mid-Cambridge project area designed to upgrade the entire neighborhood.

The Belt Route

The coordination of the urban renewal and the highways program has yet to become an accomplished fact, although the City Council has furnished to the State all the study material on the proposed Belt Route made available to the Council. The decision now rests with the State.

Because highway lines go beyond the boundaries of the urban renewal projects, the Redevelopment Authority must conform to the overall planning for the city as approved by the Cambridge Planning Board and the City Council.

The Redevelopment Authority appreciates the coordination experienced in the urban renewal program and the cooperation given during the past year by the State Housing Board, the Cambridge Housing Authority, Mayor Thomas M. McNamara, City Manager John J. Curry, the City Council, and the heads of the City Departments in Cambridge.

1958 City Government Organized Speedily

1958 CITY COUNCILLORS



Edward A. Crane



Joseph A. DeGuglielmo



John D. Lynch



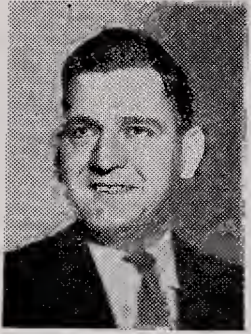
Thomas M. McNamara



Edward J. Sullivan



Alfred E. Vellucci



Charles A. Watson



Mrs. Cornelia B. Wheeler



Mrs. Pearl K. Wise

The Cambridge City Government was quickly organized on Monday, January 6, 1958 when the newly elected City Council was called to order by City Clerk Frederick J. Burke.

Assembled in the Council Chamber, the City Council proceeded with the first order of business — the election of a Mayor to serve for the two year term 1958-1959.

Within 15 minutes after the meeting had been called to order, veteran City Councillor Thomas M. McNamara had been elected to the office of Mayor, thus becoming the eighth mayor to serve under the Plan "E" charter.

City Councillor Alfred E. Vellucci was elected vice-mayor.

City Manager John J. Curry was unanimously elected City Manager for the two-year period. It was the City Manager's third election to a two-year term.

A new City Councillor made her appearance in the Council Chamber when Mrs. Cornelia B. Wheeler was sworn into office. Mrs. Wheeler joined City Councillor Mrs. Pearl K. Wise to give

Cambridge two women legislators for the first time in the history of the City.

Other City Councillors elected for the two year term 1958-1959 were Councillors Edward A. Crane, Joseph A. DeGuglielmo, John D. Lynch, Edward J. Sullivan, and Charles A. Watson.

The Cambridge School Committee was organized the same day when Mayor McNamara assumed the Chairmanship of the Committee by virtue of his election as Chief Executive. James F. Fitzgerald, senior member in service, was elected vice-chairman of the School Committee.

Two new members of the School Committee were sworn into office. They were Daniel J. Hayes, Jr., and Edward T. Sullivan.

Other School Committee members elected for the 1958-1959 term were Anthony Galluccio, Mrs. George W. Ogden, Jr., and Dr. Judson T. Shaplin.

City Manager Outlines Duties And Cites Progress Made in '58

By John J. Curry, City Manager

As the chief administrative officer of the City, the City Manager is responsible for the administration of all departments. His prime duty is to see that the policies of the City Council are carried out.

The charter provides that he should advise the City Council concerning the financial condition and future needs of the City.

The year 1958 saw much progress being made on many and varied fronts. The working drawings for the proposed new Donnelly Field School were completed; planning for the new Peabody School was begun; the War Memorial Building, with its three swimming pools and two gymnasiums, was opened for full scale operations and a coordination of its activities effected between the Recreation and School Departments; the meshing of the Donnelly Field Urban Renewal program and the new Donnelly Field School construction met with

much success; a great deal of rehabilitation work was carried on in the City Hospital and in the Libraries; planning for the addition to the Central Library made headway; the employees' Insurance program was extended to include major medical coverage; the City Hall electrical wiring system was completely renewed.

These are only a few of the highlights of our municipal administration. Every effort is made to improve the efficiency of our day to day services. To this end, new and better equipment has been purchased in many departments.

A well balanced approach to our problems has been our constant aim.

Election Commission Notes Population Drop in 1958

The Cambridge Board of Election Commissioners is a bi-partisan board of four members appointed by statute to list every person over 20 years of age and to make true lists of names, ages, occupations and national origin.

Beginning on January 1 of each year the Commissioners are required by statute to list every person over 20 years of age and to make true lists of names, ages, occupations and national origin.

In 1958, the annual listing totalled 64,814 names, a decrease of 2513 from the previous year. The listing showed also that 10,175 persons moved within the city and the names of 1187 persons were dropped from the lists because of death.

The State Primary and Election was held in 1958. There were 18,807 votes cast in the primary election with 67.31 per cent of the Democratic registrants voting and 46.79 per cent of the Republican registrants voting. It is estimated that 39 per cent of the voters in Cambridge are not registered under the banner of the major parties and are classed as "independents."

In the November election for state and county offices, 39,988 voters cast ballots, which was 80.66 per cent of the total registered vote. Total expenditure for the primary and election amounted to \$20,238. The total expenditure for the department for the year was \$61,314.

Miss Constance R. Milton serves as chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners. Mrs. Alice E. McCarthy is a member of the Commission and Thomas J. Hartnett is a Commissioner and Secretary of the Board.

Mrs. Henrietta M. Cazmay was named by the City Manager to fill the unexpired term of her late husband.

1958 SCHOOL COMMITTEE



Shown above is the 1958 School Committee. Members of the Committee seated are, left to right, Anthony Galluccio, Dr. Judson T. Shaplin, Mayor Thomas M. McNamara, Mrs. George W. Ogden, Jr., Edward T. Sullivan, and Daniel J. Hayes, Jr. Standing, left to right, are Superintendent of Schools John M. Tobin, Assistant Superintendent Edward J. Danehy, Edward J. O'Connell, secretary to the School Committee, and John R. McCarthy, secretary to the superintendent of schools.

High Fire Losses Spur Prevention Program

By Timothy F. White, Chief
Cambridge Fire Department



Chief Daniel J. Brennan



Chief Timothy F. White

Despite an intensive fire prevention program carried on by the officers and men of the Cambridge Fire Department, the fire loss in Cambridge in 1958 amounted to \$807,363. The building loss totalled \$408,883 and the loss of contents of fire ravaged buildings was estimated at \$398,480.

Brennan Selected As Chief of Police

Leadership of the Cambridge Police Department was placed in the hands of Daniel J. Brennan on July 30, 1958 when he was appointed Chief of Police by City Manager John J. Curry.

In announcing his selection of Brennan as police chief, City Manager Curry said:

"My only command to him is to do a good job, of which I know he is capable. Chief Brennan takes the position with no obligations or commitments."

Chief Brennan's appointment was the climax of a police career which began 27 years ago. During his career, he had the distinction of being the youngest man ever appointed in the grades of sergeant, lieutenant, captain and chief.

Chief Brennan heads a department of 235 law officers and 10 civilian employees charged with the responsibility of maintaining law and order. The department spent \$1,441,300 in 1958 to carry out its responsibilities.

Traffic Bureau Report

The Traffic Bureau, commanded by Lieut. Nicholas J. Fratto, processed a total of 110,799 non criminal summonses in 1958 for traffic violations in the city which resulted in the payment of \$61,989 in fines by violators. The greatest number of violations listed were for parking in restricted areas, overtime parking and parking meter violations.

The traffic bureau also processed 6,247 criminal summonses and arrests for motor vehicle law violations with resultant fines amounting to \$22,701.

B C I Report

The Bureau of Criminal Investigation, commanded by Capt. John J. Grainger reports that in 1958 a total of 2,307 general investigations were made by his division and that 557 criminal arrests were made, including one on a charge of murder.

Capt. Grainger reports that 581 motor vehicles valued at more than \$600,000 were stolen in Cambridge in 1958 and that 560 were recovered either in Cambridge or elsewhere.

The Cambridge police recovered 119 motor vehicles which were stolen in other communities and 117 arrests were made on charges involving automobile thefts.

Lt. Barry Reports

The Crime Prevention Bureau, commanded by Lieut. Francis J. Barry, made 700 investigations during the year. The bureau has three divisions—juvenile, special services and domestic relations.

While a total of 340 arrests were made by the Crime Prevention Bureau, many of them juveniles, the work of the bureau can be measured best by the hundreds of situations which were resolved or adjusted by the officers without resort to court action.

The Domestic Relations division of the Crime Prevention Bureau investigated 745 complaints and made 336 arrests on a variety of complaints including non-support and assault. The work of the Domestic Relations division resulted in the payment of \$58,476 to probation officers to aid in support of families.

27 Commended

Patrolman Francis A. Burns, a member of the department for 18 years, died on Nov. 20.

Those pensioned during 1958 included Chief Richard J. Linehan, Patrolmen William F. Trodden, Charles F. McManus, William A. McDonnell, Edward G. Rosky, William J. Stone, William F. Murray and Jeremiah J. Grady.

Chief Brennan commended 27 police officers during the year for outstanding police work.

The Fire Prevention Bureau of the

department under the direction of Deputy Chief Francis J. Connelly made a total of 10,948 inspections and re-inspections during the year, including 257 school inspections. Much of the inspecting work was done by the engine companies in their own areas while "in-service" and ready for immediate response to alarms sounded via the two-way radio communications system. The citizenry has been most cooperative in our effort to eliminate causes of fire in Cambridge.

2890 Alarms Answered

The department responded to a total of 2890 alarms during the year, including 10 multiple alarm fires. The multiple alarm fires were 8 in the two-alarm category and 2 in the three-alarm category. There were 374 false alarms sounded during the year, a deplorable practice instigated usually by thoughtless individuals who fail to realize that they are endangering lives and safety when they ring a false alarm.

The Cambridge fire-fighters also responded to 109 alarms in Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Somerville and Watertown under provisions of the mutual aid agreement between these communities.

The Rescue Squad performs an outstanding service for the people of Cambridge. This unit of the fire department responded to 900 box alarms in 1958 and 531 still or telephone alarms for medical or other emergencies. To assist this highly specialized unit in the performance of its work, new inhalation equipment and heavy rescue tools were purchased. I recommend the purchase of a new wagon for the Rescue Squad to replace the present vehicle which has been in use for 10 years. A new vehicle should incorporate all the features of modern equipment necessary to perform efficiently the special services which the squad is called upon to provide.

Training Continuous

Under the direction of Deputy Chief Joseph A. Mullen, department drill master, a continuous training program was carried on during the year. Newly appointed fire fighters were given a 30-day training program at the Fresh Pond drill tower and each company was given refresher training and all equipment was given service tests. All officers of the department completed basic first aid training and advanced courses in first aid were begun in November.

A new 100 ft aerial ladder truck was purchased in 1958 to replace Ladder 4, Taylor square, which had been in service since 1935. The old ladder 4 has been reconditioned and will be used as a reserve truck. Three hydrant thawing devices were purchased and placed in service with engine companies.

In addition to the purchase of a new rescue squad vehicle, I recommend the purchase of two pumping engines to replace vehicles which have been in service since 1935 and 1940.

Chief's Recommendations

I recommend the construction of a fire station in the East Cambridge area between the railroad tracks and the Boston line. A location in the vicinity of the Thorndike School would be desirable. It is recommended that this new station be designed to accommodate a consolidation of equipment now located at Portland street, Main street, and Third street. I also recommend the construction of a new station on Western avenue to replace the River street station which is an obsolete building located in an area where traffic conditions make operation difficult.

Six members of the department were pensioned in 1958 and Otis D. Powers, Jr., died on February 5, 1958. Those pensioned were Paul J. Girard, John J. Callan, Joseph J. Volpe, Horace Eagleston, Francis J. Sweeney and Francis J. Harrington.

The officers and men of the Cambridge Fire Department carried out their duties and assignments in an outstanding manner in 1958 and their zeal and courage call for a special commendation on my part.

CD Police and Fire Units Keep Active with Public Service Programs

Continuous training for active divisions and distribution of informational literature were highlights of the year's activity for the Cambridge Civil Defense Agency as outlined in the annual report of Deputy Chief Edmund M. Burke, Civil Defense Director for Cambridge.

The most active divisions of the defense agency are the auxiliary police and fire departments and the communications and air raid warning divisions, Chief Burke reports.

Under the direction of Chief Louis J. Lawson, the Auxiliary Fire Division conducted 281 outside drills which entailed 7790 man hours of training. In addition, the auxiliary fire fighters responded to one multiple alarm fire, three still alarms and one box alarm to assist in battling Cambridge fires. Additionally, the auxiliary fire fighters participated in 14 miscellaneous details and emergency stand-bys. The fire-fighting equipment participated in seven parades and won prizes on two occasions.

For a period during the year, the Civil Defense fire-fighting equipment was placed in regular department service during emergencies caused by breakdown of regular equipment.

Service By Police

The Police Auxiliary division continued its usual fine service throughout the year by augmenting the regular police department in the handling of traffic problems at all public celebrations, high school graduations, Halloween safety details to pile up an impressive total of 4200 hours of volunteer police duty during the year.

The auxiliary police maintains a continuing program of training in police duty, first aid, the use and care of firearms and marksmanship under the supervision and direction of Sgt. Matthew McPhelim of the Police Department, who was appointed to succeed Chief Daniel J. Brennan as Director of the Auxiliary Police.

The Auxiliary police officers continued their program of assisting the Jimmy Fund, a research agency for combating cancer in children. The Cambridge Auxiliary Police collected and contributed \$4364 to the Jimmy Fund in 1958.

Radio Section Busy

Regular monthly communications tests were conducted by the Communications division of the Cambridge Civil Defense agency. These tests, held in conjunction with the 17 cities and towns comprising a sector, were combination equipment tests and radio drills for the volunteer personnel.

The communications division participated in a nation-wide test from May 6-9 and volunteer workers manned the Cambridge Control Center continuously throughout the three-day test.

The communications division has established a local radio net with fixed stations at the Cambridge City Hospital, the Public Works Department and the Cambridge Chapter, Red Cross, to main-

tain radio contact with the main Control Center established at the Cambridge City Infirmary. This local net is supplemented by mobile units which maintain radio communication with the Sector Control Center, the fire, police and the city local network.

Training Courses Held

The Civil Defense Agency coordinated a series of training courses in heavy rescue work, radiological monitoring, disaster nursing, fire training, and welfare problems arising from disasters. The courses were attended by city employees who were awarded certificates upon completion of the courses.

The Civil Defense agency took full advantage of the program which makes surplus government property available for purchase at reduced prices. Equipment with a value of \$26,652 was purchased by the Civil Defense Director at a cost of \$690. This surplus equipment included gasoline powered generators, portable lights, a trailer fire-pump, firearms and miscellaneous tools.

Chief Burke reports that he has already complied with provisions of a recent change in Civil Defense regulations which requires the establishment of a standard organizational and operational plan. This plan requires that every division of the civil defense organization be given specific duties to perform and also provides for the establishment of continuity of government in the event of enemy attack.

Massachusetts Hall was erected in 1720 through funds made available by the Great and General Court. This beautiful red brick structure with gambrel roof, end chimneys and handless clock, designed originally as a dormitory for students, was converted into barracks in 1775 for the Continental troops.

It is the oldest of the Harvard College buildings now standing and today houses the offices of the President and Fellows of Harvard University.

The best known of the three historic trees that once stood on Cambridge Common was the Washington Elm. From 1775 until 1923, this elm was the most famous tree in the United States and was visited annually by thousands of Americans from all the states of the nation. A circular marker, set into Garden Street a short distance from the curb at the west side of the common, designates the site of the historic old tree.

City Hospital Revenue Passes Million Mark

By Dr. James F. Collins, Medical Director

(Following is a summary of the City Hospital Report. Copies of the complete report are available at the Cambridge City Hospital.)

We present herewith a report of the activities of the Cambridge City Hospital for the calendar year 1958.

No annual summary can ever adequately describe or truly tell the tale of the yearly occurrences and accomplishments of a busy hospital. Every eventful day and night is a story of itself.

Dramatic events in the accident room with life often hanging in the balance—the crowded clinic benches in the outpatient department—the operating and delivery rooms springing into action at a moment's notice—these and the countless other areas of activity make our hospital an exciting, never-ending portrayal of human acts and emotions.

Teamwork Needed

Teamwork is absolutely necessary to operate a hospital and we are convinced that the medical, nursing and other personnel at Cambridge City Hospital are most cooperative and highly proficient in their work. An institution is only as good as the people who make it function, and Cambridge is indeed fortunate to have a dedicated, highly trained and efficient hospital organization. To the members of this team we extend our sincere gratitude for their continuing cooperation in our constant mutual efforts to provide the best of medical care and comfort to our patients.

Business and Financial

The crowning business achievement of 1958 was the collection of over \$1,000,000 in hospital revenue. This goal was finally reached by means of long and steady planning, including installation of modern accounting procedures and the use of bookkeeping aids and appliances, along with periodic planned increases in our hospital charges. This progress will continue and the coming year will see efforts to bring our pharmacy and physiotherapy charges into line.

Patient admitting procedures have been greatly improved by the acquisition of new equipment.

Hospital purchasing is still a matter of concern and considerable difficulty arises at times due to the lack of a purchasing division at the hospital. The city purchasing department does a commendable job, but is handicapped by not being conversant with the types of equipment and supplies needed by the various hospital departments. We shall continue to study this problem and endeavor to make the processing of requisitions and procurement of supplies more efficient and prompt.

Plant and Maintenance

Under Thomas Ford, acting chief engineer, the maintenance department decidedly improved during the past year. The maintenance crew has been able to attack many problems that existed without correction for long periods. The heating plant has been placed in excellent working condition and automatic controls and gauges that were long inactive have been made operative.

Many areas throughout the hospital were brightened by painting, especially the outpatient department. Ward G was partitioned to give better accommodations for ward and semi-private patients.

As always, we are grateful to the skilled employees of the Public Works department who stand ever ready to help the hospital in an emergency. We recommend again the establishment of a hospital maintenance crew so that maintenance, especially of a preventive nature, can be performed promptly.

The hot-top surface applied to the Cahill House parking lot has relieved a difficult situation, and it is hoped that the Line street parking lot will be paved in the near future. (Completed April, 1959.)

Nursing Problems

Despite a \$300 salary increase for nurses it has been difficult to provide adequate 24-hour nursing service to patients. Our nursing school and its

graduates are most helpful, but there are times when the hospital census is so high that elective admissions must be curtailed because of the nursing shortage.

The School of Nursing was visited during the latter part of 1958 by the National League of Nursing and there are weaknesses that must be corrected prior to 1960 if the school is to be fully accredited by the League.

In 1958, Miss Winifred Drislane retired after 10 years of service as Director of the School and Nursing Service. She was succeeded by Miss Ann Prendergast, a graduate of our nursing school.

Miss Sarah Hurley, executive night supervisor for more than 30 years, retired at the close of the year. This beloved nurse's kindly and efficient presence will be missed. Miss Hurley was the recipient of the Alumnae Award at the Nurses' Homecoming day in May.

The support given by the Nursing Alumnae Association is a constant inspiration. At the 1958 graduation, the Alumnae presented prizes for scholarship and general nursing ability in addition to the usual annual scholarships. We are fortunate to have such an active and interested alumnae group.

Medical Staff

Again we commend the loyal and dedicated work of our visiting medical staff. Their works of charity during the year cannot be adequately measured. Freely and gladly the staff serves our indigent patients providing the best of modern medical care.

We were happy to provide the staff with a better equipped medical library by consolidating the nurses' and doctors' libraries in the basement of the Nurses' Home. A completely equipped conference room was added in the Nurses' Home for use by the medical and nursing staffs. This room was planned and paid for by Dr. Charles Jones, pathologist, from Tumor Clinic funds.

Dr. Daniel F. Mahoney, who for many years was a member of the surgical staff, was given the annual award at the Cambridge City Hospital Medical Alumni Association's "home coming day" which was attended by more than 60 physicians who received graduate medical training at the hospital.

Our intern and resident training program was continuous during the year and it was still necessary to procure foreign medical graduates to complete our house officer staff. September marked the commencement of the second year medical undergraduate teaching at the hospital with two sections of sophomore medical students from Tufts University Medical School coming for clinical instruction in physical diagnosis. We are hopeful that this undergraduate teaching program will expand into the junior and senior years with the hope that in this way we may attract more American medical graduates for internship and residency.

Volunteer Activities

The Friends of the City Hospital are an active group constantly at work to aid the hospital in every way possible. Many of the Friends have given many hours of volunteer work on the wards, in clinics and in other hospital areas. The year was marked by a Spring Fair under the chairmanship of Mrs. Joseph A. DeGuglielmo which raised \$1800 for the association's treasury.

Miss Arlyene Hassett, outgoing president, presented five medicine carts to the hospital. Mrs. Katherine O'Brien, incoming president, has undertaken the task of furnishing a patients' solarium on Ward G.

The Friends' Gift Shop in the hospital lobby was successfully operated under the guidance of Gift Shop chairman Mrs. Adelaide White. The shop was staffed daily by willing volunteers of the organization.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE



Dr. James J. Macklin, a Cambridge School physician, is shown giving a physical examination to a student in the Cambridge Public School system. Physical examinations are given to all Cambridge school children in the first, fourth, eighth grades of the elementary schools and in the first year of high school.

It is a pleasure to work with such a wonderful group and it is our hope that their devoted interest in the hospital will continue through the years.

The hospital volunteer program was aided considerably by the Phillips Brooks House group who gave many hours of volunteer work in the accident room. Some 40 Harvard and Radcliffe undergraduates found this volunteer activity most interesting and mutually helpful.

Sullivan Memorial Room

We acknowledge gratefully a gift of \$500 from City Councillor Edward J. Sullivan to furnish and decorate a hospital room in memory of his father, the late City Councillor Michael A. Sullivan. We also received donations to the Cambridge City Hospital Benevolent Fund from various sources. This fund provides extras or great aids to patients who are unable to pay for such items.

It was also our pleasure to work with voluntary and municipal agencies through the year by providing meeting places for such events as Bloodmobile programs, annual meetings, scout training programs and disaster courses. We have also participated in studying the advisability of a Home Medical Care program in Cambridge; the need of a more active approach to rehabilitation; and the care and hospitalization of the elderly.

A Community Asset

The thousands of Cambridge citizens who use the hospital facilities know and appreciate its value in time of need. We, who see the great good performed daily by the hospital, are fully aware of its importance to the community. Unfortunately, there are some who question the value and debate the need of a city hospital and we ask these people to open their eyes and minds to the work performed—the lives saved—the suffering relieved—the services offered and all the other tangible benefits that flow from a city hospital into the community.

Statistics

In 1958, the Cambridge City Hospital provided 65,475 total days care to pa-

tients. There were 7446 admissions to the hospital; 16,704 patients were treated in the Accident Room, and visits to the Out Patient Department totaled 27,501 by the 8445 patients who used the out-patient facilities during the year.

The daily average number of patients in the hospital during the year was 179. The largest number of patients in the hospital in one day was 223 and the lowest number on one day was 123. The average patient stay in the hospital was 8.8 days. A total of 3951 operations were performed during the year. There were 1440 babies born.

Total net earnings from services to patients and other sources were \$1,262,805. The excess of expense over income for 1958 was \$1,066,185.

Appreciation

We are grateful for the many letters and other expressions of thanks, gratitude and appreciation received from patients and their families during the past year. We are grateful, too, for the continuing efforts of our Board of Trustees, who give unselfishly of their time and talents, for their interest and guidance. James F. Mahan is Chairman of the Board of Hospital Trustees. Members of the Board are Mrs. Dwight E. Harken, John J. Balfe, and the Hon. Michael J. Neville.

To all other friends and benefactors of the Cambridge City Hospital, we express our appreciation for their efforts during the past year.

FIRST AMERICAN ARMY MEDICAL HEADQUARTERS

The Henry Vassall House at 94 Brattle Street antedates all houses standing in Cambridge at the present time, since the west wing of the early Colonial home was occupied in 1639 by the family of Roger Bancroft. Jonathan Belcher, Royal Governor of the Province of Massachusetts, lived here in the years 1717-1719.

This large mansion housed the first American Army Medical Headquarters under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Church, first Surgeon-General of the Continental Army.

Many City Streets Resurfaced by PWD Crews

By Ralph J. Dunphy, Commissioner, Public Works

In its own quiet way the Cambridge Public Works Department continued to do the many tasks assigned throughout every day of 1958.

We are not authors, nor are we adept with fancy words and stories, so we of the Public Works Department must let our actions speak for us as we describe some of the work accomplished during the year.

On February 16 the department was confronted with the worst single day snowstorm on local records when 17 inches piled up quickly. Our crews, augmented by hired equipment, battled the elements and rapidly opened the streets to traffic.

The rubbish, garbage and other house-keeping divisions of the department performed their day-to-day duties faithfully in all kinds of weather and under all kinds of conditions. A word of praise and thanks is due these unsung men for carrying out their duties with so few complaints from them and the public which they serve.

Streets Resurfaced

The street construction and resurfacing program was continued and with the financial cooperation of Middlesex County and the Commonwealth, a number of Cambridge streets were put in first class condition. During 1958, 107,563 square yards of the city streets were resurfaced and nearly 30,000 square yards of sidewalk were resurfaced.

Streets repaved and reconstructed included Brewer, Chapman place, Gerry, Ross, Fawcett st. Extension, Hancock Fayette, Coolidge Hill and Coolidge Hill road, Roseland, Brown, Foster, Gibson, Kenway, Doane, Main, Sixth, Third, and Boylston street.

In addition to street and sidewalk work, the Public Works department's paving crew resurfaced areas acquired by the City of Cambridge for use as tot lots and for off-street parking in the business centers. Parking lots paved by the department's paving crew included those located at Austin and Columbia streets, Green and Pleasant street, the Cahill House of the Cambridge City Hospital. Tot lot paving was done at Dana Park, Sennott Park and St. Peter's Field.

Sewer Lines Kept Open

Work that must be done but is not apparent to the public eye is continuous maintenance of the many miles of sewers which service the city. Throughout the year the sewer maintenance division of the department carried out its routine program of inspection, rodding, flushing and cleaning. There were 12 major defects which required excavation and complete renewal of sewer lines.

The Parks and Forestry division removed 326 trees in the city during 1958 and planted 242 trees. This division, with the cooperation of the electrical department, was responsible for the

erection of Christmas trees in prominent locations throughout the city and for the erection of the Christmas crib scene at Cambridge Common. The division planted approximately 20,000 flowering annuals in public areas and replaced these plants with 15,000 spring flowering tulip bulbs.

Sign Shop Busy

The department's sign shop was kept busy throughout the year producing signs of all types, shapes and sizes for departmental use and at the request of other city departments. Night and day crews continued the endless task of painting and repainting crosswalks, center lines and swing lines, "Slow" and "Look" signs on streets throughout the city. This work was done on every fair day and night throughout the spring, summer and fall seasons.

The maintenance division made up of carpenters, painters and plumbers repaired and painted many areas in the schools, City Hospital and other public buildings. The plumbing crew was called upon frequently on nights, Sundays and holidays to repair plumbing and heating defects in public buildings.

Our skilled artisans built clinical rooms at the McCusker Center to house the Cambridge Service for Retarded Children, a newly organized unit of the Cambridge Health Department. These rooms are an outstanding example of the fine work which can be accomplished by our employees.

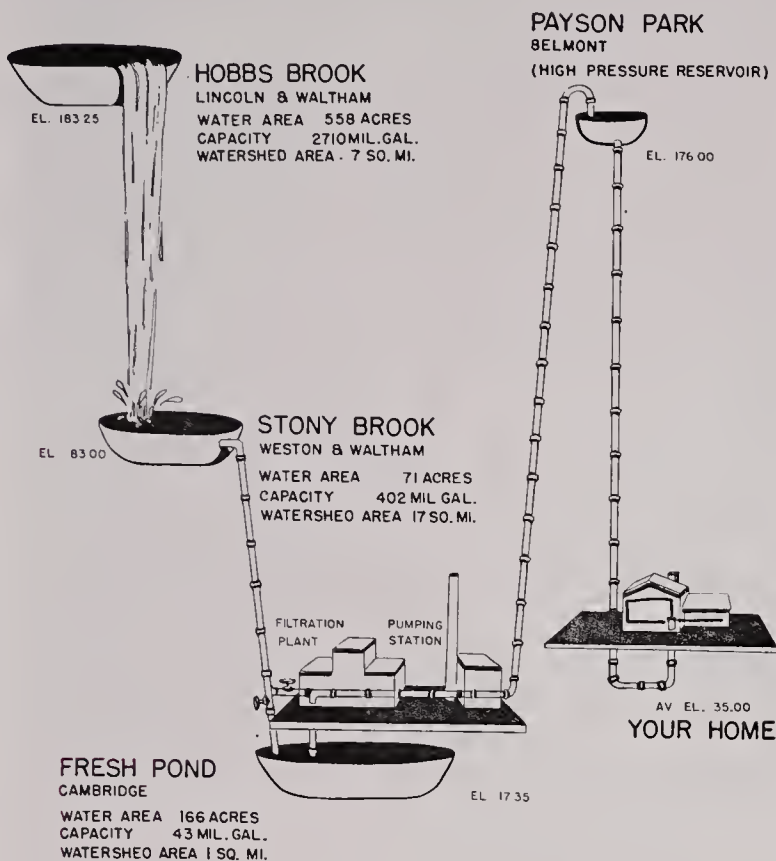
The Cemetery division of the department continues to receive compliments for the excellent appearance of the Cambridge Cemetery. Burials during the year totaled 751. Income for the year amounted to \$92,395. The Perpetual Care fund now amounts to \$442,467 and interest from the fund for 1958 amounted to \$14,197.

Tons of Refuse Collected

Operation of the municipal dump and the incinerator is an important function of this department. Approximately 105,000 tons of refuse were dumped at the municipal dump site during the year. We have continued the practice of back-filling daily and impacting the dump area to reduce health hazards and control fire. The municipal incinerator disposed of 6886 tons of material during the year.

The total appropriation for the operation of the Public Works Department in 1958 amounted to \$2,501,218. The department actually spent \$2,480,034 during the year. Receipts from sale of dump permits, sale of garbage, sale of ash tickets and other sources amounted to \$69,571. The department operated with a total of 425 permanent personnel and 85 temporary employees.

Sources Of Water Supply



Cambridge Water Supply Plentiful With Billions Of Gallons On Tap

By William H. McGuinness, Supt. Cambridge Water Department

The Cambridge Water Department has the obligation and responsibility of furnishing to the people of Cambridge a safe, potable water for their daily needs.

To carry out its task, the Cambridge Water Department maintains three reservoirs with a total storage capacity of four and one-half billion gallons of water, approximately 162 miles of pipe and plant facilities for filtration, treatment and daily testing of the water furnished to Cambridge homes and industrial plants.

The daily testing of water is done by a professional chemist who is on duty at the Department's filtration plant at Fresh Pond.

The use of water by Cambridge industrial plants constitutes approximately 50 per cent of the daily consumption which averaged 19 million gallons a day during 1958, with peak loads reaching 24 million gallons per day.

Raw water is furnished to the filtration plant from the chain of three reservoirs which make up the Water Department's storage system. The yearly consumption draws heavily from the storage capacity and replenishment of the supply is dependent on precipitation and snow fall. A rigid and exacting program of balancing storage in the three reservoirs is carried out by the Water Department for the conservation of available supplies. The Water Department also maintains an emergency stand-by agreement with the Metropolitan District Commission to augment the supply if necessary.

That New England weather is unpredictable is axiomatic and the Water Department maintains records to prove the fact. For instance, our records indicate that 1957 was the driest year in 87 years with an average rainfall 10 inches below normal, coupled with a

5 month dry spell, which resulted in the lowest supply in the history of the department. By contrast, 1958 was recorded as the second wettest year in the history of the Water Department with a total precipitation of over 61 inches.

A bountiful supply of water was available in 1958, but because of the heavy precipitation there was a decrease in consumption. Among other factors, the wet weather lessened the need for lawn and garden watering by home owners.

A constant program of maintenance and rehabilitation is carried on by the department. During the past 10 years extensive improvements have been made at the treatment plant and a new pumping station was constructed to meet increased demands for water.

In 1958 new power operated mechanical screens were installed at the dam of the Cambridge reservoir located in Waltham. A long range program for the rehabilitation and strengthening of the distribution system is in progress with a portion of the program being accomplished annually.

The Cambridge water system was one of the earliest established in New England, dating back to 1852 when it was privately owned. The City of Cambridge acquired ownership of the system in 1865.

The department operates under a Board of Water Commissioners appointed by the City Manager. Atty. Joseph Fine is chairman of the Board. Other members of the Water Board are John F. Davis, William J. Gaynor, Jr., and Michael J. Mahoney.

Tax Lien Properties Available For Sale

Property acquired by the City of Cambridge as a result of tax lien foreclosure is under the care, custody and management of Atty. Samuel M. Flaksman, Custodian of Foreclosed Property of the City of Cambridge.

Atty. Flaksman reports that at the beginning of 1958 he had 18 parcels of property in his custody and two additional parcels were acquired by foreclosure during the year. Two parcels were sold in 1958 which returned them to the tax rolls of the city, leaving 18 parcels which are for sale to any interested person.

Atty. Flaksman explains in his 1958 annual report that the statutes require that each city and town after two years from the date of taking for non-payment of real estate taxes must commence foreclosure proceedings in the Land Court. A list of foreclosed properties available for purchase is available at the office of the City Treasurer.

Wadsworth House, Harvard College's presidential residence for over a century, was the first American Army headquarters. The historic house is located on Massachusetts avenue, opposite Dunster street, in Harvard square.

Council Committees Held 40 Meetings

In addition to the regular weekly meetings of the Cambridge City Council, the City Councillors held approximately 40 committee meetings during 1958 according to the report of Forest L. Gould, Clerk of Committees and City Messenger.

Regular meetings of the City Council are held Mondays at 4:30 p.m. in the City Council chamber, City Hall, except during the months of July and August.

The Reclassification Committee of the City Council held 4 special meetings during the year which resulted in a \$300 pay raise for all city employees to be effective on January 1, 1959.

The Health and Hospital Committee held five special meetings with the City Manager, the Board of Hospital Trustees and the Medical Director of the City Hospital to discuss plans for the rehabilitation of the City Hospital.

During 1958, approximately 25 ordinances were passed on recommendation of the Traffic Board to regulate traffic.

Today, Wadsworth House is the headquarters of the Harvard Alumni Association.

Old Age Aid Cash Is Largest Welfare Outlay

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ninety-five years old but still observing her birthday is this aged resident of the Cambridge Home for Aged and Infirm, where she has made her home for more than 20 years. The fact that her 95th birthday occurred near St. Patrick's Day added to the festive occasion. The lady is one of the 115 men and women who were provided for during 1958 at the Home for the Aged and Infirm on the shores of Fresh Pond.

Home for Aged and Infirm Marks Anniversary on Fresh Pond Site

By William C. Conway, Supt. Home for Aged and Infirm

The Cambridge Home for Aged and Infirm, now in its 30th year of operation at its present site on the shores of Fresh Pond, continues its municipal function of providing medical care, supervision and shelter for the aged and the homeless of the city.

It was 30 years ago — May 1, 1928, that the then Mayor Edward W. Quinn and civic dignitaries of the day gathered at the site to lay the cornerstone of the building which was hailed as the "best of its kind for the purpose intended."

Hundreds Cared For

Predictions made within the first decade of operation that the doors of the Home for the Aged and Infirm would be closed with the advent of the Social Security program in this country, have failed to materialize.

During the depression years the institution was used to the fullest extent—and on occasions over capacity—to provide shelter, food and clothing for hundreds of men, women and children who were victims of the economic disaster of the 1930's.

Throughout the past three decades many hundreds of men, women and children have had occasion to use the facilities of the institution—some for temporary periods while for others it has been "home" since the day the doors were opened 30 years ago to receive the hundred residents transferred from the "old home" on Tannery street, North Cambridge.

16 Children Sheltered

The population of the Home for the Aged and Infirm during 1958 averaged 115 residents daily, approximately 15

more per day than when the building was opened in February 1929. Included among those cared for during 1958 were 16 children who were the victims of fires, evictions or social problems in their homes.

On January 1, 1958 there were 74 men and 39 women residing at the Infirmary and on December 31, 1958 the totals were 80 men and 36 women.

During the year, 20 residents of the Infirmary died, 11 of whom died at the Cambridge City Hospital and one death was attributable to an automobile accident.

The 1958 budget appropriation for the operation of the Infirmary was \$175,750 and \$172,394 was spent. Meanwhile, residents of the Infirmary, their families, the Disability Assistance and Old Age Assistance divisions of the Department of Public Welfare paid \$115,515 for the care provided by the 35 employees of the City Infirmary staff.

Heating System Changed

In 1958, a long sought change in the heating system was achieved when the soft coal, high pressure system was converted to oil burning, low pressure at a cost of \$50,000. It is anticipated that fuel savings and other factors involved will amortize this expenditure within a few years.

Many organizations and individuals

The Department of Public Welfare of the City of Cambridge provided financial aid and assistance to 3664 cases in 1958 at a net cost to the city of \$925,476 according to the annual report submitted by the Board of Public Welfare.

The Welfare Department paid out a total of \$3,613,610 to carry out its program of aiding people in distress, but during the year the Federal and State governments reimbursed the city in the amount of \$2,688,134, thus making a net cost of \$925,476 to the City of Cambridge for the welfare program.

2296 Aged Aided

The largest expenditure of funds was in the Old Age Assistance category which provides assistance to individuals of limited resources who are 65 years of age or over. The department paid out a total of \$2,184,603 to aid 2296 Old Age Assistance cases. The State and Federal governments reimbursed the city \$1,834,116 in the Old Age Assistance program, thus the net cost to Cambridge was \$350,486. On December 31, there were 1898 active cases on the Old Age Assistance rolls in Cambridge.

In the Aid to Dependent Children program, the City of Cambridge paid out a total of \$776,081 to aid 501 cases. In this category, the Federal and State governments reimbursed the city in the amount of \$583,875, so that the net cost to Cambridge was \$192,206. There were 388 active cases remaining at the end of the year.

A total of \$307,873 was paid out by the Welfare Department to aid 373 cases in the Disability Assistance program. The State and Federal governments reimbursements amounted to \$236,819, making a net cost to the city of \$71,053. At the end of the year there were 235 active cases in the Disability Assistance category.

General Relief

In the field of general relief where

the entire cost of financial assistance must be borne by the City of Cambridge, the Welfare Department spent \$345,052 to aid 494 needy cases, Cambridge received \$33,322 from other cities and towns for assistance given to individuals who had settlements in communities other than Cambridge, thus the net cost in the General Relief category was \$311,730.

In the general relief program, there were 288 cases added during the year and an identical number dropped because relief was no longer needed, leaving a total of 206 active cases on the rolls at the end of the year.

The Welfare Board reports that a number of amendments to the Social Security law which provide for increased financial benefits and include additional groups not previously eligible for payments under the Social Security program will have beneficial effects on the public assistance programs beginning in 1959.

Welfare Board Meetings

The Board of Public Welfare meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the Cambridge City Infirmary. The Welfare Department offices are located at McCusker Center, 57 Inman street.

The Board of Public Welfare is appointed by the City Manager and serves without compensation. Americus J. D'Agostino is chairman of the Board. Other members are Mrs. Fritz Roethlisberger, Mrs. Horace W. Frost, James F. McNeil and Charles L. Rose. James E. Finnegan is the Welfare Agent and administrative head of the department.

Veterans' Services Helped Thousands

James F. Hughes, Director of the Veterans' Services Department, reports that during 1958 his department provided various types of assistance to 6951 Cambridge veterans and their dependents.

The department provides counseling and direction to veterans and depend-

ents who have problems concerning housing, hospitalization, federal claims for compensation or pensions, burial allowances, medical benefits, education or employment. The department also provides a photostating service for copying discharge papers and other pertinent veterans' documents.

Director Hughes is the liaison officer between the City of Cambridge and the various veterans' organizations in arranging Memorial Day observance and the decoration of veterans' graves.

contributed during 1958 to providing for the care and comfort of the residents through friendly visiting and offering entertainment programs. We are grateful for the kindness and thoughtfulness which prompted these activities.

Catholic and Protestant religious services are held every Sunday in the auditorium and the fact that religious services are so readily available is a source of great comfort to the majority of residents to whom the solace of attending religious services had been denied because of physical infirmities which confined them to their homes or rooms.

What Of The Future?

That is the past. What of the future? Medical science has increased man's life expectancy and medical science has also made it possible for man to survive longer after his health begins to fail. Chronic disease and disability resulting from an aging population is recognized as the nation's greatest medical problem today.

We have witnessed the truth of these facts at the Home for Aged and Infirm. A generation ago the average admission age was between 60 and 65 years. Then the admission was based principally on a need for food and shelter. In 1958, the average age at admission was in the 70's and the reason for admission was the resulting illnesses and enfeeblement attributable to the increased life span. The majority of those now using the Cambridge Home for Aged and Infirm are men and women who need some degree of custodial care and medical supervision.

The need for this institution in the future will be even greater. The problem of planning for the care of our aging population is one that deserves highest priority in community planning. The planning we do today may benefit us when we reach that state of life that has been termed "helpless old age."

Veterans' Benefits Trend Upward

Walter J. Sullivan, agent of the Veterans' Benefits Department, reports that financial assistance totalling \$335,000 was provided during 1958 to Cambridge war veterans, their dependents and dependent parents.

Financial assistance was provided for 600 veterans, 986 children, 110 widows of veterans, 340 wives of veterans and 195 dependent parents.

Mr. Sullivan foresees an increase in expenditures by his department because of increased hospital costs and the fact that veterans of World War I are now in an age bracket which requires more medical care.

The Veterans' Benefits Department and the Veterans' Service Department are located in the McCusker Center, Inman street, which is sometimes referred to as "City Hall Annex."

THE "CAMBRIDGE" FLAG

The "Cambridge Flag," sometimes called the "First Navy Ensign," was the immediate predecessor of the Stars and Stripes. The flag was hoisted by General George Washington in January 1776 at Cambridge as the standard of the Continental Army. As the flag of the Revolution, the "Cambridge flag" was used on many occasions before June 14, 1777, when the Continental Congress authorized the Stars and Stripes.

The "Cambridge Flag" had the thirteen stripes but the canton contained the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew, which indicated our relation with England until the severance of those ties brought about the replacement with the white stars on a field of blue. Washington once wrote that the flag was flown at Cambridge "out of compliment to the United Colonies."

Health Dept. Urges Polio Shots For Safety

By LEON STERNFELD M.D.
Commissioner of Public Health

The calendar year 1958 witnessed a further steady development of the Cambridge Health Department. The incidence of the common acute communicable diseases continues to remain low.

There was an outbreak of German measles, particularly among the Radcliffe students, and large quantities of gamma globulin were distributed for use in exposed susceptible pregnant women as a possible prophylaxis against the occurrence of congenital defects in their offspring.

ONE POLIO CASE REPORTED

Although efforts were continued to induce persons aged 20 to 40 years to be immunized against poliomyelitis it is estimated that not more than half of this population group has received such immunization.

One case of paralytic poliomyelitis in a Cambridge resident was reported. This occurred in a woman who had not been immunized, although her six children had each received the complete series of immunizations and her husband had received the first two immunizing doses. Virus isolation studies were done and type III poliomyelitis virus was isolated from the patient and from each of the children. One may speculate as to what might have occurred in this family if the children had not been immunized.

Over 90 % of the school age children

NO MATERNAL DEATHS

For the third successive year no maternal death occurred in pregnant women delivered in Cambridge hospitals. This is a creditable record which reflects high honor on the physicians and hospitals providing obstetrical services. There were 2406 live births to Cambridge residents for 1958 which gave a rate of 19.9 per 1000 population. The infant mortality rate, however, has increased sharply (64 resident deaths, a rate of 26.6 per 1000 for 1958 as compared to 47 for 1957, a rate of 17.7 per 1000 live births) so special attention will be given to investigating infant deaths next year and perhaps preventing the occurrence of some of these fatalities.

The services for retarded children, started in July 1957, completed its first full year of operation 1958. In that brief time the program has already received national attention and a scientific paper was presented at the annual conference in St. Louis of the American Public Health Association.

TRAINING PROGRAM

Mention has been made in prior reports of the significance that is placed

Teaching Program Wins National Honors

By Rudolf Kurzman, M.D., Medical Director

This is the annual report for the year 1958 which is the 50th year since the opening of the Sanatorium.

In-patient days totaled 26,043 out of a possible maximum of 36,500. Private patient-days on the surgical ward amounted to 4,648 out of the total of 26,043. There were an average of 27.8 bed vacancies per day. The bed occupancy for 1958 was 71.2 which was 7% lower than in 1957.

Of the daily average number of patients 56 were males and 16 were females. The daily average was 7% less than for the previous year. There were 266 admissions to the Sanatorium throughout the year.

Of the 266 patients admitted, 18 were classified as minimal, 90 as moderately advanced, 116 as far advanced, 41 as non-tuberculous and one other diagnosis.

Admission Trend

The general admission trend continues in the direction of chronic, moderately to far advanced cases, especially in the older age group.

There were 282 discharges during the year; among them seven deaths (12 less than during the preceding year).

Five patients left on their own request against medical advice. All cases subjected themselves to follow-up in the Outpatient Department.

Rehabilitation activities are performed by a part-time worker lent from the Cambridge T. B. and Health Association. Mrs. Emmeline Peel resigned and was replaced by Miss Jean C. Cameron.

Occupational therapy is in the experienced hands of our faithful employee, Miss Vesta Alexander.

Medical Service

The medical service is understaffed if compared to generally applied standards. Attempts to improve this situation are under way.

In spite of difficulties it has been the aim of the superintendent to keep professional activities at the highest possible level.

It is 50 years since this Sanatorium has been in existence, and 20 years since the new building went up, since surgery was started, and since the activities of the Sanatorium were placed on a planful and modern basis. The first half of this 20-year

period was filled with extensive public health activities consisting mainly of a vigorous case finding program. These years laid the ground work for the low mortality figures and the low incidence of new cases in the City of Cambridge as compared to neighboring metropolitan areas.

During the second half of these 20 years a program aimed at the elevation of the professional standing of the Sanatorium was carried out. Step by step, the approval of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals was obtained, participation in the Exchange Visitor Program of the State Department, Washington, D.C., followed, and during the last four years the Sanatorium has taken a prominent place in the undergraduate medical education in Tuberculosis and Chronic Lung Diseases.

Teaching Unit

Since 1955 our Sanatorium is the teaching unit in this field for the third year students of Tufts University Medical School. We were gratified to see that a number of nationwide chest physicians followed our invitation to join the teaching body of this course.

The research activities were rewarded by recognition through the number of papers and an exhibition at the yearly meeting of the American Trudeau Society, 1958, crowned our efforts.

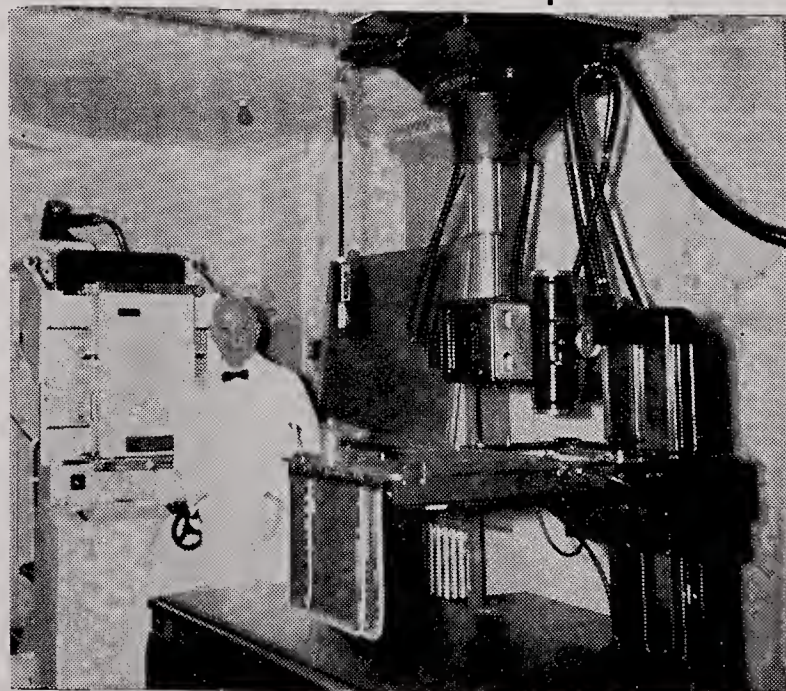
It is only through scientific endeavors, like teaching and research, that the institution will keep an academic rank which in turn will make it possible to attract good doctors to the staff positions.

Nursing Staff Shortage

The situation in the nursing service, unfortunately, has not improved and will, in all likelihood, remain precarious. The root of the problem seems to be the general shortage of nurses, as well as the fact that newly trained and enthusiastic nurses are reluctant to join the staff of a contagious hospital.

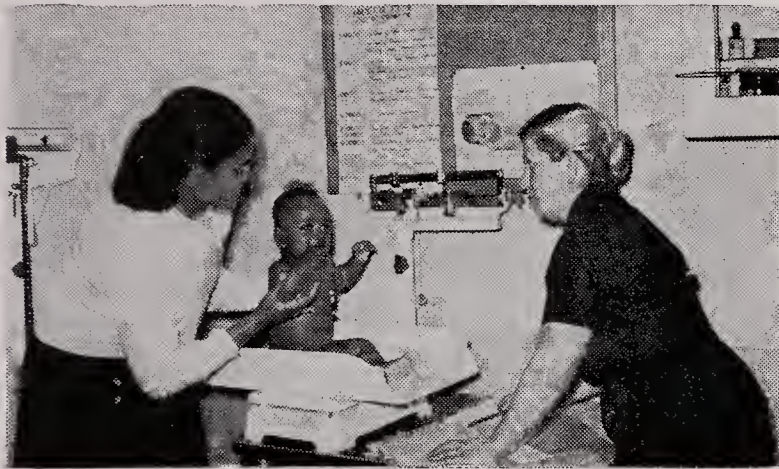
Revenues from various sources amounted to \$157,507 during 1958. The gross operating cost was \$404,387 and the net cost of operation was \$246,880. The net per patient cost per day was \$9.47.

MODERN MEDICAL EQUIPMENT



Dr. Rudolf Kurzman, medical director of the Cambridge Tuberculosis Sanatorium, is shown with the modern x-ray equipment used extensively in the tuberculosis case finding program which the public health officials carry on constantly. In 1958, this equipment was used to take nearly 4000 chest x-rays. Free chest x-rays are available to any Cambridge resident or employee of a Cambridge business establishment. Chest x-ray clinics are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Wednesday evenings at the Cambridge Sanatorium, 799 Concord avenue.

A NEW CITIZEN WEIGHS IN



Cambridge Public Health nurse Mrs. Genevieve Covell, right, checks the weight of a new Cambridge citizen at one of the eight well-baby clinics conducted by the Cambridge Public Health Department. The well-baby conferences are one of the many public health services offered by the Cambridge Health Department.

and almost 80 % of the preschool age children in Cambridge are immunized against poliomyelitis. This leaves a residue of unimmunized susceptibles and therefore, with the discontinuance early in the year of the free distribution of poliomyelitis vaccine by the State Department of Public Health except for infants under one year of age and pregnant women, the Cambridge Health Department began and continued to purchase vaccine for use in children over one year of age.

TB CASE FINDING

During the first part of 1958 the tuberculin skin-testing program of all school children was completed and contact investigations were continued throughout the remainder of the year.

In the fall, the tuberculin testing of some 5000 children in four selected grades was started. In this group any children who show a positive reaction and after further examination are considered to have converted during the past year will be started on prophylactic chemotherapy, and be maintained on such therapy for a full year.

Tuberculin testing of pre-school age children attending the well-child conferences was instituted as a routine, to be performed at 1, 2 and 3 years of age. If any such children are found to be positive reactors they will be given prophylactic chemo-therapy also. This entire prophylactic program represents a most valuable preventive medical service and an important research study.

by the Cambridge Health Department on training and research activities. During 1958 students from the Harvard Medical and Public Health Schools, Tufts Medical School, and the Nursing School of Boston College, Simmons College and Boston University spent varying periods of time in the Health Department. Such arrangements are mutually advantageous to the collegiate institutions and the Health Department. Of even greater significance are the benefits derived by the people of Cambridge in the improved quality of the health services that result from such training activities.

The Medical Foundation of Metropolitan Boston awarded a three-year grant of \$72,000 jointly to the Cambridge Health Department and the Harvard School of Public Health. The purpose of this grant is to develop in Cambridge a community 'laboratory' for health research studies and the field training of health personnel. It is hoped that this research activity will go forward during the '59' calendar year.

The total amount spent for general health services was \$275,846.08, \$2.03 per capita. The cost of operating the sanatorium including renovation was \$404,387.12, making a grand total of \$662,233.20.

The calendar year 1958 was the fifth year in which the children of Cambridge were without the simple and safe protection afforded by the fluoridation of the water supply as a decision of the electorate in the 1953 referendum.

Financial Condition "Sound," Auditor Reports

35 Million Dollars Handled By City Treasurer's Office in 1958

Financial transactions handled by personnel of the City Treasurer's office during 1958 totalled \$35,000,000 according to the annual report of Frederick H. Reardon, City Treasurer. This figure represents the amount of incoming and outgoing payments required for the operation of the city.

The Real Estate and Property taxes committed to the City Collector of Taxes in 1958 amounted to \$14,500,000. Mr. Reardon reports that all but \$350,000 of the 1958 taxes had been collected by the end of the year, and the outstanding amount will be collected in the early months of 1959.

Mr. Reardon also reports that for the first time in the history of the city, the motor vehicle excise tax contributed in excess of \$1,000,000 to the City treasury. The Water Department and the City Hospital each collected revenue in excess of \$1,000,000.

It was necessary to borrow \$5,500,000 between tax dates for the operation of the city. The cost of borrowing was \$25,859. Local banks provided the funds and the loan was repaid in November.

Mr. Reardon reports that \$745,500 of previously incurred debt became due and was paid in 1958, leaving a balance of \$5,925,000 of debt due over the next 16 years. The Commonwealth, through the School Assistance Commission, will reimburse the city in the amount of \$775,000 of this debt in the same 16 year period.

Personal services cost the city \$12,797,275 during the year, from which \$1,422,915 was withheld for Federal income taxes.

There were 25 permanent and two part-time employees in the department during 1958. The departmental operating budget amounted to \$127,879.

Disability Pension Law Change Voted

Retirement allowances totalling \$413,737 were paid out to retired city employees during 1958 by the Cambridge Retirement Board.

John J. Dynan, executive secretary of the Retirement Board, reports that the over all retirement allowance payments included \$333,369 in pensions, \$32,456 in annuities and \$47,912 in death benefits.

Disability pensions paid, amounted to \$153,818. Allowances paid to survivors of members of the retirement system totalled \$13,978.

In other statistical information provided, Secretary Dynan revealed that more than 100,000 individual postings were made by his department to record the weekly payroll deductions for the 1850 city employees who are members of the retirement system. Their contributions to the retirement fund amounted to \$359,477. More than \$76,000 in interest payments was added to the members' accumulated balances for 1958.

The City of Cambridge, Cambridge Water Department and Cambridge Housing Authority contributed \$252,448 to the pension funds of the system.

The Retirement Board invested \$276,475 during 1958 in bonds and stocks approved for the investment of Retirement Funds.

Legislative amendments to the retirement laws during 1958 liberalized and extended the coverage of member survivor's benefits. The electorate by referendum enacted a law which provides for annual adjustment of pensions and retirement allowances to persons gainfully employed after retirement for disability or incapacity.

The Cambridge Retirement Board consists of Manning A. Williams, Chairman, George W. Mickle, elected representative of the employees, and Martin F. Nolan, City Auditor.

License Fees Aid City Treasury

License fees paid to the City of Cambridge in 1958 totalled \$229,519.80 according to the report made by the Cambridge License Commission.

These fees were paid for all types of licenses issued, but the largest sum paid was \$198,480 for the 194 liquor licenses which the commission is authorized to issue.

The types of licenses issued by the License Commission covered a varied group of occupations from auctioneer to transient vendors. A total of 4238 licenses were issued during the year.

The License Commission meets each Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Commission office in City Hall. John E. Quinn is chairman of the Commission with the Chiefs of the Fire Department and Police Department serving as ex-officio members.

Board of Appeal Heard 87 Cases

The Cambridge Board of Appeal held 18 meetings during 1958 at which they heard 87 petitions for variations in the Zoning Ordinances.

Atty. James J. Walsh, chairman of the board, reports that of the cases heard 69 petitions were granted, 15 were denied and 3 were given leave to withdraw without board action.

The Board of appeal hearings are held at City Hall. In addition to Atty. Walsh, Henry J. Moulton, builder, and Edwin G. Johnson constituted the board membership in 1958.

The beginnings of freedom of speech, freedom of religion, the right of petition, the right of assembly, the right to vote, and the right to hold office were fostered on Cambridge Common by the citizens of Cambridge and Middlesex County.

By Martin F. Nolan, City Auditor

I respectfully submit my annual report to the Cambridge City Council and the people of Cambridge, accompanied by the balance sheet as of December 31, 1958; the comparative statement of 1957 and 1958 receipts; and the Statement of outstanding debt as of December 31, 1958.

In my opinion, these summaries reflect the sound financial condition of the City of Cambridge.

Our books are current and all obligations are audited and warranted for prompt payment enabling the city to take full advantage of cash discounts and allowances.

Improvements Sought

The City Auditor's department is continuously improving and standardizing accounting and reporting procedures so that information for operations and finance may be readily available.

I again strongly recommend mechanization of many accounting procedures particularly for payroll and other cost determinations and also because of the increase in payroll deduction items which now total 16. Mechanization would provide the ultimate in easily accessible informational data in personnel, pension, cost and research material.

Many mechanical systems are on the market and from personal observation of the operations of such systems in other cities, I know that any of them could be easily adapted to our accounting and record keeping procedures. We have been adapting present forms

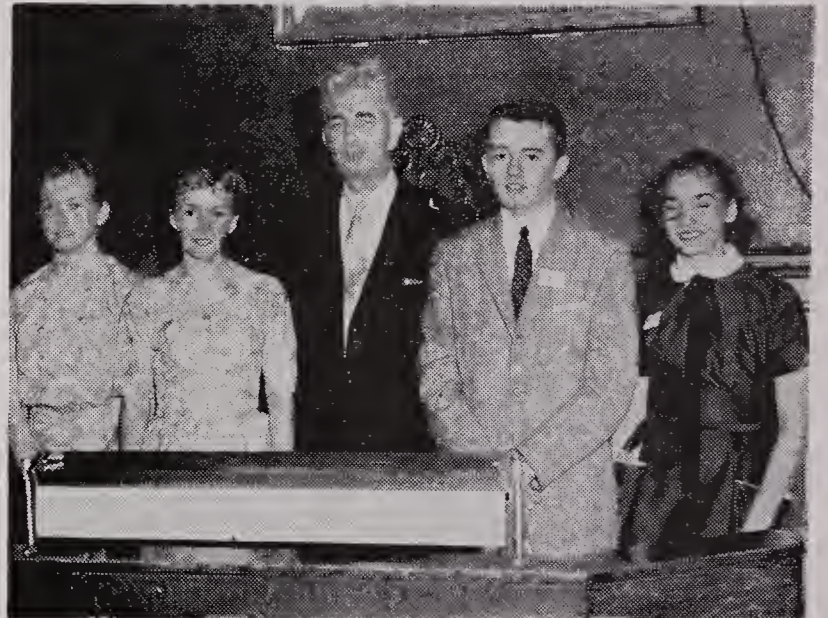
and equipment as best we can to keep our work current, but the increased number of payroll deductions and supporting statistics required for each deduction indicate the necessity for procedures and equipment with speedier production and a wider range of adaptability. We are hopeful that the City Manager's committee to study business paper processing will provide the basis for sound recommendations in this area.

Insurance Program

Control of the group insurance plan for City employees is maintained in the City Auditor's office. The second year of group life, accidental death, disability, medical, surgical and hospital coverage began on May 25, 1958. The cost to the City of Cambridge in 1958 for its 50 per cent share of the premiums was \$173,240. The program was improved during the year by the inclusion of a major medical clause which provides for increased benefits in cases of lengthy illnesses.

As of December 31, 1958, a total of 2430 permanent employees and 73 retired employees were subscribers to the life insurance feature of the group insurance program and 2526 permanent employees are subscribers to the medical, surgical and hospital insurance program.

PRESENT AND FUTURE LEADERS



Mayor Thomas M. McNamara and "Mayor" William Chafe are shown on the dais of the City Council chamber flanked by charming "City Councillors". Photo was taken on "Good Government Day" in May, 1958, when 42 Cambridge students worked with city officials in the operation of the municipal government. Shown, left to right, are "City Councillor" Ruth A. Morrison of Haggerty School, "City Councillor" Elizabeth Fitzmaurice of Cambridge High and Latin School, Mayor McNamara, "Mayor" Chafe, and "City Councillor" Linda R. Hill of Cambridge High and Latin School.

Cambridge Tax Rate Announced First

The City of Cambridge was the first community in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to announce its 1958 tax rate.

The 1958 rate of \$61.80 per \$1000 was announced on February 12 by the Board of Assessors. This was an increase of \$2.40 over the 1957 tax rate.

Early determination and announcement of the tax rate was in accordance with a policy established by the City Manager as a means of permitting the city to operate with the least possible borrowing of money in anticipation of tax revenue.

Valuation Increased

The 1958 tax rate was based on a total assessed valuation of \$233,901,550 with the total real estate valuation established at \$211,117,800 and real property valuation set at \$22,783,750. There was a net increase of \$2,832,500 in the total 1958 assessed valuation over the previous year. New construction

was an important factor in the increased valuation by netting \$1,840,200, while personal property increased approximately \$700,000.

C. Brendan Noonan, chairman of the Board of Assessors, reports that the balance of the increase in the assessed value of 1958 over the previous year was due to a "thorough re-examination of low value residential properties, a careful analysis of sales, probates and permits".

5 Top Taxpayers

Chairman Noonan reported that the top 5 taxpayers in the City of Cambridge in 1958, in the order of their position on the "top 5" list were:

1. Cambridge Electric Light Co.
2. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
3. Boston and Maine Railroad
4. New England Mutual Life Insurance Co.
5. The President and Fellows of Harvard College

Associates of Chairman Noonan on the Board of Assessors are Thomas F. Gibson and Joseph Guney. The Assessors' office is located in City Hall.

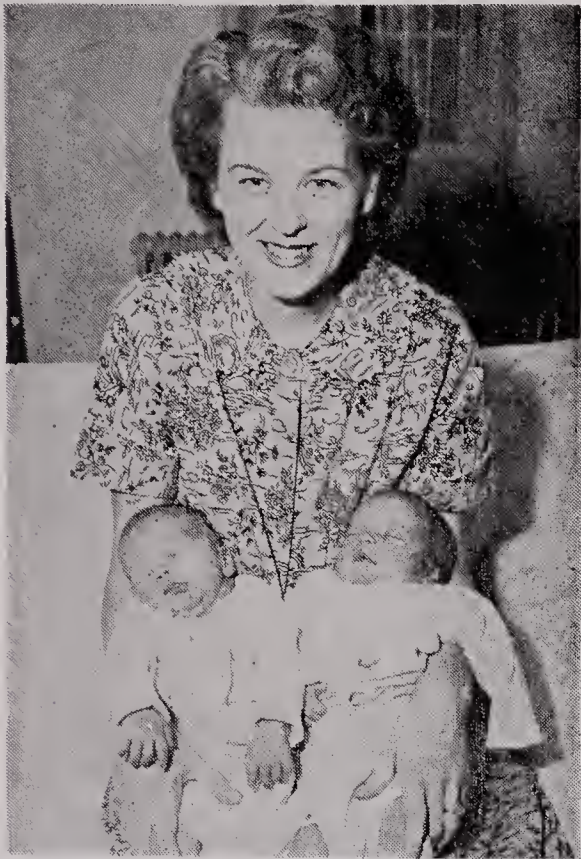
YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT MEETS

WHO	WHEN	WHERE
City Council	Mondays 4:30 p.m.	City Hall
School Committee	1st & 3rd Tuesdays 8 p.m.	1700 Cambridge st.
Board of Assessors	Daily 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	City Hall
Board of Health	1st Tues. of month 4 p.m.	City Hall
City Hospital Trustees	Monthly, on call	City Hospital
Civic Unity Committee	1st & 4th Mondays 5 p.m.	City Hall Annex
Election Commission	Daily 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Municipal Bldg.
Housing Authority	2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7 p.m.	678 Mass. Ave.
Library Trustees	2nd Mon. of month 7:30 pm.	Central Library
License Commission	Tuesdays 2 p.m.	City Hall
Planning Board	1st & 3rd Weds. 7:30 p.m.	City Hall Annex
Recreation Commission	2nd & 4th Weds. 7:30 p.m.	City Hall
Retirement Board	28th day each month 9 a.m.	City Hall
Water Board	Monthly, on call	250 Freshpond Pky.
Welfare Board	2nd & 4th Weds. 7 p.m.	City Infirmary

LIBRARY SYSTEM HAS EXPANDED IN PAST DECADE

By Philip H. Dolan, Librarian

VITAL STATISTICS



Two cute "vital statistics" which City Clerk Frederick H. Burke included in his 1958 annual report are shown with their mother, Mrs. Michael J. Hogan of Jefferson Park. Kevin Brian Hogan, left, and Kerry Thomas Hogan, right, were born on October 31, 1958 at the Cahill House of the Cambridge City Hospital. Other vital statistics, Kevin weighed 8 pounds, 6½ ounces and Kerry tipped the scales at 8 pounds, once ounce.

Birthrate Dropped in '58, City Clerk's Vital Statistics Reveal

Vital statistics for Cambridge as compiled by City Clerk Burke show the following comparison between 1957-1958:

	1957	1958
Cambridge Residents—Births in Cambridge	1434	1328
Non-Residents—Births in Cambridge	1754	1669
Cambridge Residents—Births outside Cambridge	1227	993*
Intentions of Marriage Filed	1253	1159
Marriages Recorded	1412	1318
Deaths Recorded	1938	1970
Delayed Returns of Birth Recorded	40	33
Affidavits of Correction of Births Recorded	221	264
Instruments Recorded	4562	4117

*Not complete for 1958

City Clerk's Aide Ends Long Career

Albert T. Doyle, assistant City Clerk and veteran municipal employee with 44 years service, retired on pension on October 1, 1958.

Mr. Doyle began his service with the city on October 14, 1914 as a clerk in the Cambridge Water Department. He served as President of the Massachusetts City Clerk's Association in 1956-1957.

A City Council resolution, passed unanimously, praised Mr. Doyle for his devotion to duty during his years of service.

Named to succeed Mr. Doyle as assistant city clerk was Atty. Paul E. Healy, a Marine Corps major and veteran of World War II.

Many Cambridge residents who have found themselves sitting in a jury box fulfilling that important obligation of citizenship have wondered how they arrived in such an important position in the "due process of the law."

Selection of jurors begins in Cambridge with the Board of Election Commissioners who are required by the

In addition to recording vital statistics, the City Clerk's department is responsible for the issuance of various types of licenses required by the statutes. These licenses vary from marriage licenses to dog licenses. Issuance of these licenses brought \$21,354.59 in revenue to the department and a total of \$9,868.60 was collected for various recording fees and business certificates issued.

Under the state statutes, the City Clerk issues hunting and fishing licenses to Cambridge sportsmen. In 1958, Cambridge fishing and hunting enthusiasts paid \$9,970.50 for licenses. This sum was paid to the State Division of Fisheries and Game.

Dog owners paid \$2,842.75 in 1958 to license their pets in accordance with the law. These funds were paid to the Middlesex County Commissioners who use the funds to pay for damage caused by dogs, purchase of license blanks, books and tags. The law provides further that a proportion of any unexpended dog license fees shall be paid back to the City of Cambridge for the support of public libraries and schools.

General Laws to prepare before July 1 each year a list of persons eligible for jury service.

Since this is the 10th report of the Librarian, it is appropriate that a review of the past nine years and a preview of the future be made. In the report for 1949, I said that the library was made up of books, buildings, and staff, and that it was my intention to work toward the improvement of each.

The book collection has been given constant attention. Over the past nine years, every book in the branch libraries has been handled by me; with recommendations for discarding and replacement in order to clear shelves of out-of-date material and to bring into the branches a good working collection. With the opening of each new branch, starting with North Cambridge, an entirely new collection of books has been created and the branch started off with a superior collection of books. This policy will continue with the Cambridge Field branch, the East Branch when it becomes a Boys' and Girls' Library, and the Central Square branch.

Every book in the Central Library collections, with few exceptions, has been also handled by me; again with careful judgment as to scope of collection, usability, physical condition and specific replacement for books discarded. This is a continuing program.

Collection Improved

The result of this survey has been an improvement in the entire library collection. We now have a smaller but a better balanced collection. Because of this close attention to the book stock we have been able to feel trends in use of the collections and thus we were well equipped to take care of the surge of interest in science material after the launching of "Sputnik."

Our book appropriation, although increased in amount each year, has not been growing fast enough to permit us to increase the quantity of the collections as we would wish. In 1949, the Library expended \$18,300.00 for books; in 1958, \$35,800.00. This upward trend will eventually permit quantity control.

In the area of its buildings the Library has also made outstanding progress. Over the past years such projects as improved lighting, heating, and painting have been accomplished. In addition, the capital improvement program recommended by the Library has been started. In 1957 we opened a new branch library for North Cambridge and public acceptance of this modern facility has been gratifying.

New Branch Planned

During 1958 plans for a new branch at Cambridge Field were completed and construction should be completed in 1960. Also during 1958, work on the final draft of the space and function needs of the Central Library building was completed as a preliminary to presenting it to the architect.

Until the route of the belt highway through Cambridge is decided, the location and character of the new Branch Library for Central Square cannot be determined.

The third ingredient of the public library is the staff. The individuals who work in the library build its reputation, bring to life the book collections, and give meaning to the physical plant. Cambridge has been very fortunate to have had a group of individuals of extremely high intelligence and competence.

Greater Improvement Planned

For the future I can only see more improvement and a lot of hard work to make such improvement come true. The

Interesting Cambridge statistics compiled by Charles P. Whitlock, administrative assistant to President Nathan Pusey of Harvard University, and published in the Harvard Alumni Bulletin reveal:

That the total area of Cambridge is 6¼ square miles;

That 500 acres, about 12% of the total area, are water areas;

That 6.51% of the land area is occupied by colleges and universities;

That nearly 40% of the land area is tax-exempt, including colleges, universities, churches, private institutions, public and community facilities, and city streets and ways;

That 4% of the land area is vacant, but unuseable;

That 31% of the land area is residential and 25% commercial and industrial.

book collections at all branches will be constantly strengthened—those at the new branches will be new and of extremely high caliber as is the collection at the North Branch. The entire Central Library book stock will be expanded appreciably when additional space is available.

It has been gratifying to work with the City Manager and to see the needs of the Library being given sympathetic and constructive attention; to see the Library budget becoming more adequate as the years pass. It has been gratifying to work with the Trustees and the Staff and to see the reputation and usefulness of the Library and its agencies increasing steadily and honestly.

Large Book Inventory

The library system has an inventory of 182,426 volumes available to the 30,893 Cambridge residents registered as borrowers. In 1958, more than 513,000 volumes were circulated from the Central library and all branches.

During 1958, the library added to its service to the community by becoming a member of the State Film Cooperative in order to provide film service to the community. The service was used mainly in 1958 by the Senior Citizens groups, but it is planned to extend the service to other recognized groups in Cambridge. The library circulated over 10,000 record albums during 1958.

The Library system is under the direction of the Board of Library Trustees appointed by the City Manager.

Mrs. Julia T. Boyle ended a long and distinguished public service career in January when she submitted her resignation as a Library Trustee. Representative Lawrence Feloney also resigned as a Trustee. Named to fill the vacancies were Dr. Anna P. Butler, distinguished educator, and Joseph D. Harrington, noted newspaper columnist.

Atty. John F. Ferrick is chairman of the Board of Trustees. Other members of the Board are Mrs. Charles F. Hurley, Miss Alma Boudreau and Robert H. Haynes.

In its report to the City Manager, the Board of Trustees expressed appreciation for his "cooperation and understanding of the library book appropriation and staff problems."

Youth Must Register With Draft Board

While it is not an official agency of the City of Cambridge, Draft Board No. 17, created under the Selective Service Act of 1948, plays a vital role in the lives of all Cambridge males when they reach their 18th birthday.

Under provisions of the Selective Service Act, all males are required to register with the Draft Board within 10 days after attaining age 18. Thus during 1958 a total of 14,566 Cambridge youth were registered by Draft Board 17 at its offices in Cambridge City Hall and at the Phillips Brooks House of Harvard College.

During the year, 67 Cambridge boys were inducted for military service through the Cambridge board and 300 others were processed for preinduction examination by the military services. The Draft Board also has the responsibility of determining the availability of Standby Reservists and the board reports that Cambridge had 967 men in this status during 1958.

Draft Board members meet once a month at the City Hall offices. John W. Wood, retired headmaster of Rindge Technical School, serves as chairman of the Board. Other members of the Board are John J. Sheehan, Faneuil Adams, Judge Charles S. Bolster, Capt. Thomas P. Dillon and William J. Corkery, appeal agent. The Board members serve without compensation.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE BALANCE SHEET; DEC. 31, 1958
REVENUE ACCOUNTS

CITY

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash	\$ 1,995,888.64	Real Estate Taxes:	
Petty Cash	75.00	Levy 1956	101.46
Accounts Receivable:		Personal Property Taxes:	
Real Estate:		Levy 1952	31.68
Levy 1955	\$ 10.06	Levy 1953	29.16
Levy 1957	8,753.35		60.84
Levy 1958	305,643.36	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax:	
	314,406.77	Levy 1952	75.15
Personal Property:		Appropriation Balances	845,489.73
Levy 1954	575.64	Guarantee Deposits:	
Levy 1955	3,352.82	Contract Bids	36,736.02
Levy 1956	6,236.20	Plans	50.00
Levy 1957	9,964.71	Evening School	200.00
Levy 1958	21,468.74	Tree Removals	625.00
	41,598.11	Driveways	879.82
Polls:		Street Openings	100.00
Levy 1949	6.00	In Lien of Bonds	12,073.98
Levy 1954	4.00	License Commission	23.25
Levy 1955	48.00	Option to Purchase City Land	903.20
Levy 1956	3,186.27		51,591.27
Levy 1957	12,344.36	Agency:	
Levy 1958	6,363.00	City Clerk-Dog Licenses	34.50
	21,951.63	City Clerk-Sporting Licenses	431.37
Assessments:		Constables' Fees	772.43
Unapportioned Sidewalk	1,992.20	Savings Bonds Deductions	1,357.44
Sidewalk Added to Taxes 1958	609.18	Withholding Tax	362,747.35
Committed Interest, 1958	40.05	Unidentified Receipts	1,247.23
	2,641.43	Continental Casualty Company	2,003.19
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		Equitable Life Ass. Society	6,073.61
Levy 1953	1,382.81	Minnesota Mut. Life Ins. Co.	356.52
Levy 1954	22.75	John Burke (Hospital)	539.25
Levy 1955	17,662.61	Tailings	3,887.64
Levy 1956	52,465.83	Taxes Paid in Advance (1959)	2.00
Levy 1957	41,009.64		379,452.53
Levy 1958	105,346.35	Smith Hughes Fund	50.99
	217,889.99	Hopkins Fund	2,028.45
Tax Titles	47,350.69	Kinnear Fund	1,342.67
Tax Possessions	2,894.77	Bullock Fund	6,728.77
Departmental:		Soldiers' Monument Fund	1,008.53
Treasury	2,400.00	Hardy Fund	3,355.07
Inspection of Buildings	5,492.50	Income, Trust Funds:	
Police	351.62	School	
Electrical	4,979.85	Thierry Fund	12.28
Health	182,426.73	Thierry Fund - Library C.H.L.S.	51.59
Public Works	6,369.65	Kingman Fund	64.28
City Hospital	528,816.41	Freese Fund	51.20
Public Welfare-Outside Aid	85,592.70	Hardy Fund	112.98
Aid to Dep. Children (State)	80,098.65	Welfare	
Old Age Assistance (C&T)	136,748.19	Bridge Fund	610.82
Veterans' Benefits	100,814.68	Russell	98.61
School	1,462.00	Callanan Fund	148.97
	1,135,552.98	Rogers Fund	285.03
County Tax	1,362.39	Hodge Fund	45.17
State Assessments: Underestimates 1958		Library	
Metropolitan Transit		Harding Fund	11.81
Authority - Deficit	19,903.79	Citizens' Subscription Fund	4.36
Overlay Deficits:		Cummings Fund	9.93
Levy 1953	52.97	Fay Fund	32.20
Levy 1954	1,221.99	Sanders Fund	23.11
Levy 1955	1,344.91	Woolson Fund	4.44
Levy 1956	5,058.41	Citizen of Cambridge Fund	5.33
Levy 1957	22,651.00	Whorf Fund	31.27
Levy 1958	70,882.28	Howe Fund	9.62
	101,211.56	Murdock Fund	6.29
	\$3,902,727.75	Carrie Saunders Fund	19.11
Cash	\$ 831,296.28	Wilson Fund	2.14
Accounts Receivable:		Sanders Temperance Fund	1,640.54
Metered Rates	111,059.25	Cemetery Trust Fund	50.00
Annual Rates	303.91	Federal H. S. Lunch Program	95,469.47
Miscellaneous Charges	11,658.26	Federal Elementary School Milk Program	8,793.80
Water Liens, Added to Taxes; 1958	123,021.42	Athletic Fund	2,586.34
	744.41	Health-Staff Education & In-Service Training	22,287.84
	\$ 955,062.11	Health-Community Research Laboratory	135.03
		Health-Community Research Laboratory	24,000.00
		Old Age Assistance-Recoveries	26,442.98
		Disability Assistance-Recoveries ..	1,517.34
		State Assessments: Overestimates 1958	
		Smoke Inspection Tax	404.03
		Metropolitan Park Tax	21,234.04
		Metropolitan Sewer Tax	24,755.91
			46,393.98
		Revenue Reserved for Appropriation:	
		Sale of City Land	133,693.56
		Sale of City Property	207.28
		Cemetery Sales	14,280.00
		Public Works	3,725.40
		Recreation	85.00
		Parking Meters	1,280.21
			153,271.45
		Revenue Reserved until Collected:	
		Sidewalk Assessment	2,641.43
		Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	217,814.84
		Tax Title	50,245.46
		Departmental	1,135,552.98
			1,406,254.71
		Reserve for Petty Cash	75.00
		Overlay Surplus	1,447.46
		Surplus Revenue	821,076.35
			\$3,902,727.75
		Appropriation Balances	315,081.15
		Guarantee Deposits	1,530.00
		Revenue Reserved until Collected	123,765.83
		Surplus Revenue-Reserved for Appropriation	380,869.94
		Surplus reserved for Non-Water Purposes	133,815.19
			\$ 955,062.11

NON-REVENUE ACCOUNTS

CITY

Cash	\$ 209,554.31	Temporary Loan in anticipation of Serial Issue	300,000.00
State & County Aid to Highways:		Appropriation Balances	198,094.87
(Chapter 90 Construction)		Reserve for State & County Aid to Highways	155,879.51
State	103,919.67	Loans Unissued	4,700,000.00
County	51,959.84	Revenue Reserved for Appropriation:	
	155,879.51	Sewer	5,729.86
Loans Authorized	5,000,000.00	Sidewalk	5,729.58
	\$5,365,433.82		11,459.44
			\$5,365,433.82
		Appropriation Balances	52,057.67
Cash	\$ 52,057.67		

1958 School Report is an Historical Work

MODERN RECREATIONAL FACILITIES



Shown above is a portion of the vast gymnasium of the beautiful War Memorial building. The gymnasium provides modern recreational facilities for the Cambridge High and Latin School physical education classes and replaces facilities which had been long outmoded and inadequate. The War Memorial gymnasium basketball court has been hailed as the best in New England by the Boston Celtics, professional basketball champions. As shown, the play area is large enough to accomodate simultaneous basketball and volley ball games.

Civic Unity Committee Report Points to Work for Harmony

Civic Unity Comm. 1958 Annual Report

The Civic Unity Committee is the city's official agency for analyzing and evaluating problems of local minority persons or groups among its citizenry. The Committee aims to eliminate frictions that may arise because of differing racial backgrounds, religious affiliations, or other factors, by the use of programs and conciliatory methods designed to bring about understanding and cooperation by all, and equal opportunities for all.

During 1958 the Civic Unity Committee's 38 members united in presenting educational programs, including a first showing in Cambridge of the films "ALL THE WAY HOME" and "BURDEN OF TRUTH." There was also a lecture on "South Africa Today" given by Cleopas Kumalo, a native of South Africa.

The Committee sponsored a civic Thanksgiving celebration at which Prof. Frank B. Friedel, of Harvard's Department of History, spoke on "Reemphasizing the Moral and Spiritual Values of our American Heritage."

CUC also sponsored the fourth annual Clergy Seminar at the Hotel Commander, at which clergy of all faiths joined with Cambridge leaders in discussing urban renewal and redevelopment.

Aside from these public functions, CUC's office was busy all year with conferences in human relations problems, housing, and interviews with students, social workers, and others. The acting executive director attended meetings of other agencies working in related fields.

Dr. Thomas H. D. Mahoney served as chairman of the committee until his resignation toward the latter part of the year. Other members of the committee are Mrs. Herrman L. Blumgart, Rev. Leonard G. Clough, Rabbi Abraham L. Hartstein, Dr. Gunnar E. Haugh, Mrs. Guy H. Johnson, Allan Korb, Hugh M. Lyons, Mrs. Edward S. Mason, Joseph D. McLellan and Mrs. Donald H. Menzel.

Also on the Committee are J. Wade

Miller, Marcus Morton, Mrs. William H. Mulcahy, Edwind H. B. Pratt, Mrs. Ashton Sanborn, Mrs. Herbert Sherwin, Miss Elizabeth Singleton, Miss Carol M. Smith and Rev. Ernest D. Thompson. Carol M. Ritchie is acting Executive Director.

Water Dept.

The Longfellow House, a beautiful gem of colonial architecture, at 105 Brattle Street, was built in 1759 by John Vassall. This mansion was confiscated by the Committee of Safety and used as a barracks by the Continental troops.

General Washington moved from the Wadsworth House in the Harvard Yard and made this Tory Row dwelling his headquarters and home during the siege of Boston. In a brief ceremony at the John Vassall house, April 3, 1776, Harvard College authorities awarded the first Commander-in-Chief of the American Army the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE COMPARATIVE RECEIPT TABULATION

Description	1957 Estimate	1957 Total	1958 Estimate	1958 Total	Credit	Deficit
Income Taxes	609,622.14	597,317.45	467,109.88	709,792.29	242,682.41	
Corporation Taxes	913,130.78	1,149,311.06	858,750.78	967,681.86	108,931.08	
Reimbursement on a/c publicly owned land	3,630.87	3,630.87	3,739.37	3,739.37		
Old Age Tax (Meals)	47,631.14	50,322.90	50,322.90	65,510.82	15,187.92	
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	858,806.85	952,259.67	1,100,000.00	1,042,696.44		57,303.56
Licenses	263,747.57	266,443.12	266,443.12	261,063.13		5,379.99
Fines	41,038.87	50,301.47	50,301.47	72,454.57	22,153.10	
City Hosiptal	873,788.87	844,340.13	894,340.13	1,015,387.97	121,047.84	
General Government	34,174.25	46,391.05	46,391.05	42,856.36		3,534.69
Protection of Persons and Property..	65,929.31	53,474.21	53,474.21	15,879.01		37,595.20
Health and Sanitation	116,251.89	148,310.64	148,310.64	160,128.18	11,817.54	
Highways	106,886.51	92,501.95	92,501.95	78,145.56		14,356.39
Charities	364,859.31	371,016.03	411,016.03	399,823.54		11,192.49
Old Age Assistance	976,106.34	826,974.79	916,974.79	896,166.42		20,808.37
Veterans' Services	146,290.35	168,723.40	168,723.40	132,609.69		36,113.71
Schools	14,505.55	22,518.74	22,518.74	32,482.09	9,963.35	
Libraries	4,551.52	5,271.82	45,271.82	6,146.51		39,125.31
Recreation	24,072.10	26,938.09	46,938.09	36,845.93		10,092.16
Cemetery	36,141.50	38,172.75	38,172.75	38,003.25		169.50
Interest	42,208.72	14,629.37	14,629.37	16,107.91	1,478.54	
State Assistance for School Construction	48,259.87	48,259.87	48,359.87	48,259.87		
Total Disability	147,951.69	153,124.83	153,124.83	124,826.18		28,298.65
Vocational Education	34,615.39	33,349.69	33,349.69	35,777.29	2,427.60	
In Lieu of Taxes and Housing Funds	100,514.67	115,576.54	127,576.54	125,342.72		2,233.82
Federal Hot Lunch Program Receipts			40,000.00			40,000.00
Privileges—Parking Lots	23,524.18	29,706.63	49,706.63	28,821.92		20,884.71
90% Flood Reimbursement	18,252.76	20,928.36				
Jan. 3, 1957—Additional Distribution 1956 Income & Corporation Tax	92,310.05					
	\$6,008,803.05	\$6,222,105.48	\$6,147,948.05	\$6,356,548.88	\$535,689.38	\$327,088.55
					Revenue Surplus	\$208,600.83
						80,986.77

Recreational Program For Young And Old

WAR MEMORIAL POOLS ATTRACT YOUTH



A new phase in the Cambridge municipal recreation program was begun in April 1958 when the Cambridge Recreation Department took over operation of the beautiful new War Memorial Building and opened the three swimming pools. Shown above are activities in the swimming area of the Memorial Building. Top left photo shows Peter Canavan, diving from the high board into the 12-ft. diving pool. At the right, lifeguards stand on duty as they keep watchful eyes on activities in the main pool. Shown at the bottom left is the 4-ft. pool for beginner swimmers. At the right, Karen Lendry receives swimming instructions from Instructor Roland Dansereau. Since the pools were opened hundreds of Cambridge children have completed basic and advanced swimmers courses under the direction and supervision of a highly competent staff.

A year around, outdoor and indoor, recreational program for the young and old was provided during 1958 by the Cambridge Recreation Department under the leadership of William J. Cleary, Superintendent of Recreation.

In April, the Recreation Department took over joint operation of the beautiful new War Memorial Building with its three swimming pools and gymnasium to begin a new phase in the municipal program which has given the City of Cambridge nation wide recognition in the recreational field.

Throughout the year extensive improvements and rehabilitation of recreational facilities were made by the department at playgrounds, the Fresh Pond golf course, and the outdoor swimming pool in East Cambridge.

The Recreation Department has supervision of 39 municipally owned play areas and 5 non-municipal units where continuing recreational programs are provided for the young and old of the city.

The Senior Citizens program under the supervision of the Recreation Department was expanded during 1958 to the point where there are now 12 locations available for daily and weekly meetings of the aging men and women of Cambridge.

The weekly meetings of the Senior Citizens' Clubs have been provided with varied programs of entertainment by the Recreation Department. The programs included movies, entertainment features, and public speakers discussing topics which were of particular interest to the club members. Outings to county fairs, beach resorts, baseball games and other points of interest were conducted under the supervision of the Recreation Department.

Development of the municipal recreational program is planned by the Recreation Commission appointed by the City Manager. Charles R. Ecker is chairman of the Commission. Other members are James F. Whalen, A. Paul Flynn, Lloyd Hugh Magbie, Edward H. Donovan and Frank Totino.

The Recreation Department expended \$273,758 to carry out its program in 1958 and collected \$36,873 in fees for use of facilities. Golfers paid a total of \$28,159 to play the Fresh Pond golf course and receipts from the War Memorial swimming pools amounted to \$6,489 for the eight-month period.

PLAYGROUND PAGEANT



The end of a happy summer for the hundreds of Cambridge children who participate in the supervised playground program provided by the Cambridge Recreation Department is the annual pageant. Shown above is a group participating in the 1958 pageant at Rindge Field, North Cambridge. The Recreation Department supervises 39 municipal play areas located in all sections of city. Building in the background is the gymnasium section of the new M. E. Fitzgerald elementary school.

Housing Authority Studies Units for Aged

Federal Buying Standards Used By Cambridge Purchasing Department

During 1958 the Purchasing Department continued its effort to provide a sound, basic and economical purchasing program for all departments of the city, Purchasing Agent John H. Corcoran states in his annual report.

"We have noticed a continuing increase in the number of bidders on our purchasing activities and we believe that this bidding activity reflects the trend of an expanding buyer's market," Corcoran said.

"We have continued the policy of expanding our use of impartially prepared specifications wherever possible. We are using more extensively the specifications developed by the United States government. The General Services Administration of the Federal government has been most cooperative in making the Federal specifications available for use by the City of Cambridge purchasing department.

"The Federal specifications are patterned after the best standards of the American manufacturer, yet permit active competition among vendors. The use of these specifications also permit

formal testing of products by laboratory analysis to ascertain the standards of the delivered products.

"We have long believed in the desirability of formal testing of products delivered and have been carrying out this procedure for a number of years. We will continue to develop this aspect of our purchasing program to maintain the high standards of quality of products purchased for all municipal departments."

Purchasing Agent Corcoran reports that contracts negotiated by the city compare favorably with private industry and in some instances the city's contract prices are lower than those negotiated by commercial users. Corcoran states that the city's contract price for heavy fuel oil is lower than any other commercial account in the area.

The Printing division of the Purchasing Department under the supervision of Francis J. Nolan supplies practically all printing requirements of the city departments and operates a tax billing section which processes the thousands of tax bills sent out annually.

were accepted in 1635 are Arrow street, Brattle street, Dunster street, Elmwood avenue, Garden street, Kirkland street, Mason street, Mt. Auburn street, and parts of Massachusetts avenue.

The Engineer's report states that there are 203 miles of sewer lines in the city.

New Building Hits 11 Million Mark

Construction of new buildings in Cambridge during 1958 was estimated to have cost \$11,504,000 according to the annual report of John A. DeLoria, Superintendent of Buildings.

Superintendent DeLoria reports that of the total new construction, approximately \$1,930,000 was in the taxable class and more than \$9,573,000 was in the non-taxable class.

Fifty-three new dwelling units were constructed in the city during 1958, including 8 single family homes, 2 two-family units and 4 multi-family units. During the year a total of 231 dwelling

The Cambridge Housing Authority in 1958 completed its 23rd year of organization and its 20th year of operation of public housing projects. The Authority now has 10 public housing projects with 1605 living units under its supervision.

The first public low cost housing project in Cambridge was New Towne Court which was opened in January 1938.

During 1958, the Authority directed its attention to a study of sites for possible development of housing for elderly persons, Daniel F. Burns, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, stated in his annual report.

Housing for Elderly

"There exists a considerable demand for housing for the elderly and the Housing Authority is giving the problem priority attention," Burns said.

"The Authority has for some time been placing elderly persons in existing projects and there are 350 elderly persons now living in our various developments. The Authority has a state-aided program for 75 units for elderly persons and a Federal program of 325 units. In December, the Cambridge City Council adopted a resolution which reaffirmed the need for additional low rent housing in Cambridge and authorized an amended Cooperation Agreement with the Housing Authority to accomplish this purpose. With the execution of these documents, the Housing Authority is now in a position to reactivate its Federal program."

Community Program

In the existing units, the Housing Authority provides a varied program of community activities and services for the tenants under the leadership of a Community Relations Coordinator. The program is carried on with the cooperation of city departments and private agencies. Boy and Girl scout programs have been in existence in the housing developments for a number of years and annually a summer playground program is provided in the larger developments.

In his report, Director Burns states that vacancies in the 10 developments are at a minimum, usually only for the length of time required to redecorate a unit between tenants.

"Throughout the years we have had

units were demolished.

The Building Department expended \$5,095 for the razing of privately owned buildings which had been condemned.

The total estimated cost of all building permits issued by the department in 1958 was \$13,193,574. These permits covered new construction, alterations, repairs, additions and razings of buildings.

an active tenant application pool," Burns reports. "In 1958, 574 new applications were received and 87 old applications were reopened. At the end of the year there were 755 active applications on file for housing."

Rent Policy Changed

The Housing Authority made a major change in rental policy in 1958 when the "Absolute rent policy" was abandoned in favor of a "limited fixed rent policy".

"Under the 'Absolute' system, the Authority made one re-examination of tenant income annually and established a rent based on that income," Burns explains in his report. "Once the rent was established no adjustments could be made, either up or down, and tenants were not required to report any interim changes in income. A number of hardship cases, caused by unemployment or prolonged illness, were called to the attention of the Authority and the decision was made to adopt the limited fixed rent policy. This policy allows interim adjustments in rent under certain specified changes in family income circumstances."

The Housing Authority paid the City of Cambridge a total of \$58,193 in lieu of taxes in 1958.

Total operating income for 1958 amounted to \$989,573. Total operating expense for the same period was \$734,317, leaving a net operating income of \$255,255.

Future Projects Planned

In concluding his report, Director Burns stated:

"The year 1958 was one of accomplishment; however, much more remains to be done. Two major items which the Authority hopes to achieve in 1959 are the rehabilitation of site improvements at New Towne Court and Washington Elms and the undertaking of a program of housing for the elderly."

The Housing Authority membership, appointed by the City Manager and the Governor, includes Edward M. Martin, Walter L. Reed, John J. Conroy, William M. Hogan, Jr., and Rt. Rev. E. Joseph Burke, P.P., pastor of St. Mary's Church.

STATE ELECTION

The Board of Election Commissioners report that 80.7% of the total registered vote in Cambridge was cast in the 1958 State election. Two Cambridge residents were among the successful candidates for Middlesex County offices. Former Mayor Edward J. Sullivan was elected Clerk of the Superior Court and Edmund C. Buckley was elected Register of Deeds.

Engineer's Report Lists Old Ways

City Engineer Edward Smith in submitting the 92nd annual report of City Engineering Department states that in addition to routine departmental functions during the year considerable time was given to making plans, studies and surveys for the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority.

The City Engineer also attended many meetings with the State Department of Public Works officials to represent the city in the planning for the widening and resurfacing of Massachusetts avenue. City Engineer Smith reports that the avenue from Harvard square to Porter square will be the first section to be rehabilitated and widened.

The Engineer reports that the City of Cambridge has a total of 130 miles of streets. Of this total, 117 miles are accepted ways and 13 miles are unaccepted or private ways. The records of the department reveal that the earliest date of acceptance of a street as a public way dates back to 1635. Among the streets still in use which

1958 STATE HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY CHAMPIONS



The Cambridge High and Latin School hockey team won the State Championship in 1958 after an up-hill struggle. The team was rewarded with an educational tour of Washington, D. C. financed by public subscription. The champions are shown in the official team photograph taken soon after clinching the title. Left to right, kneeling, are Robert St. George, Walter McGinnity, David Duffy, Thomas Dooley, Michael Shugrue, John Hickey, James Higgins, Thomas Parnell, and Henry Woods, Jr. Standing, left to right, Manager Ted Tierney, Trainor Bill "Doc" Linskey, Assistant Coach William Downing, Edward Quimby, Robert Serino, Carl Edmonds, William C. Conway, Jr., Peter Tierney, William McDonald, Woodrow Quimby, Mario Andella, Manager Stephen Robbio and Coach James Fitzgerald. Players not present when the photo was taken were Robert Meehan, Frank Remeika, and Jerry Clinton.

IN MEMORIAM

NAME	Dept.	Years of Service
N. RUSSELL CAZMAY	Election	31
LT. DANIEL J. COSGROVE	Police	18
FRANCIS A. BURNS	Police	18
OTIS D. POWERS, JR.	Fire	20
RUTH SOUZA	Hospital	6
JOHN J. DEVANEY	Public Works	14
THOMAS F. GRAHAM	Public Works	30
HERBERT G. JOHNSON	Public Works	6
LOUIS J. LeCLAIR	Public Works	17
JOHN J. LONG	Public Works	19
EDWARD W. LYONS	Public Works	9
FRANCIS McDONALD	Public Works	14
HENRY R. MURPHY	Public Works	47
JAMES B. MANSFIELD	Building	23

Sealer of Weights and Measures
Saves Cash for Buyer and Vendor

By Anders T. Anderson
Sealer of Weights and Measures
"Protector of the Public's Pocketbook"
is a good descriptive phrase for the Weights and Measures Department of the City of Cambridge.
This is one municipal department whose activities are directed entirely to saving money for people.
It is the department's responsibility to inspect and test for accuracy all weighing and measuring devices used commercially within the city and to ascertain that prepackaged merchandise is correctly marked as to weight of contents.
The weights and measures department activities have a direct bearing on the every day existence of each citizen. Every time you shop for food, fill the gas tank of your automobile, have a prescription filled, pick up a quart of milk you can be certain that the Weights and Measures Department has checked the measuring devices used to assure that you get the quantities you specify.
The work of the department protects both the vendor and the buyer by carrying out its responsibility of checking

measuring devices. It protects against inaccurate delivery which could result in substantial financial loss to either the buyer or the vendor.
During 1958 a total of 6144 weighing devices were tested in Cambridge. Of this number, 639 were adjusted by the department and 175 measuring devices were condemned and their further use prohibited.
Throughout the year, the department conducted surprise tests in Cambridge food selling stores, dropping in for a check of scales and prepackaged foods without advance notification to the proprietors. A total of 4773 such inspections and reweighings were made during the year.
The department inspected more than 500 gasoline pumps during the year and condemned 16 against further use.
The Sealer is assisted in his work by two deputies, James J. Lynch and Robert K. Laffin.

Law Department Report

City Solicitor Richard D. Gerould reports that the year 1958 brought an increase in the number of accident claims tried or settled by the Cambridge Law Department.
"Due to the continued pressure in the Superior Court to dispose of pending actions, some of our cases are being reached for trial within about a year of their entry in court. The volume of new entries was down somewhat, but there was an increase in zoning appeals," City Solicitor Gerould said.
The City's program for demolition of unsafe buildings required greater efforts in the Law Department and the continuing acquisition of land for municipal parking and other purposes involved extensive legal work. The principal sale of city land was of the Brattle Square municipal parking lot with the reservation of a perpetual easement for public metered parking.
The Law Department collected about \$13,500 on Old Age Assistance liens and for damage to City property.
Of 65 legal opinions rendered by the Law Department the majority were on pension and personnel questions.
In the Legislature, an act was passed under which the Metropolitan District Commission has taken over control and maintenance of the First Street and Third Street bridges over the Broad Canal.
The Law Department was successful in eliminating from proposed legislation a provision that would require sale at acquisition cost if the City sold any of its land located in another municipality.
Fire Radio Installed By Electrical Dept.
With quiet efficiency, the Cambridge Electrical Department headed by City Electrician William H. Crocker carried out its municipal duties during 1958.
The 23-man department is responsible for installation and maintenance of traffic signals, operation and maintenance of the fire alarm system, maintenance of the electrical equipment of the municipal departments, and supervision of street lighting.
City Electrician Crocker reports that there are 3532 lights on the streets of Cambridge and that it cost \$188,180.89 in 1958 to provide street lighting.
The department continued its program of installation of street traffic signals at intersections designated by safety officials. Also continued was the program of installation of underground cable for fire alarm boxes located throughout the city.
A modern radio dispatching installation was put into operation in 1958 to handle two-way fire department communications between headquarters and all apparatus. The replaced equipment was put on a stand-by basis for emergency use.
The Electrical Department personnel was also responsible for the modernization and rewiring of the Putnam School, and the City Hall Annex. The department won commendations for the beauty of the Christmas tree lighting in all principal squares of the city during the holiday season.

AT YOUR SERVICE
EMERGENCY

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Police	UN 4-1212
Water	UN 4-5300
Doctor	LI 2-5500
Gas or Electric Service	UN 4-3100

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 - X-Ray Clinics
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 - Liquor
 - Lodging Houses
 - Lord's Day
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 - Pumping Station
 - Superintendent's Office

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